

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

3ú Aibreán, 2023

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt, 11ú Aibreán 2023 ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniú seo Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall. Tá Clar an Cruinnithe le seo.

Mise, le meas

Padraig O'Sirin
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

3rd April 2023

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 11th April 2023 at 11.30 am in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend this meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal. The Agenda is attached.

Yours sincerely,

Pauric Sheerin
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 14th March 2023.
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Roads Workshop held on the 6th March 2023.
3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Roads Workshop held on the 29th March 2023.
4. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
 - 4.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 4.2 Roads & Transportation
 - 4.3 Economic Development, Information Systems and Emergency Services
 - 4.4 Environment Services
 - 4.5 Community Development
 - 4.6 Planning Services

Motions

5. Cllr Niamh Kennedy
“That this Municipal District write to the Chief Executive Commissioners of Irish Lights to please paint the external walls of the Rotten Island lighthouse. This was brought to their attention in 2015 and for their own reasons felt that it was no longer necessary. However from an asthetic point of view the entrance light into Killybegs harbour I ask that they please reconsider in the interests of tourism and promotion of the town from an historic structure a listed building a new tourism product and for the welcome of cruise ships and Blueways within Donegal Bay.”
6. Cllr Barry Sweeny
“That this Municipal District welcomes the government decision to extend the Croí Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant to those who wish to renovate a vacant or derelict property for rental purposes, and that we call on the government to increase the vacant property refurbishment grant rates from €30,000/ €50,000 to €50,000/ €70,000 respectively to reflect the costs involved in renovating a vacant or derelict property.”

Questions

7. Cllr Barry Sweeny
“Can I get a copy of the proposals and documentation that was submitted to request Department funding for Donegal’s replacement fire stations between the years 1999 and 2009, and details of the cost of said proposals?”

8. Cllr Barry Sweeny
“Can I get an email copy of Planning documents and reports submitted relating to the replacement fire stations in this MD?”

9. **Date of Next Meeting(s) / Workshop(s)**
 - MD Meeting on Tuesday the 09th May 2023 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders)

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL
HELD AT 11.30 AM ON TUESDAY THE 14TH MARCH 2023 IN THE PETER
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

MDD/029/23 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Niamh Kennedy, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Michéal Naughton
Cllr Noel Jordan
Cllr Tom Conaghan
Cllr Barry Sweeny
Cllr Michael McMahon

MDD/030/23 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Pauric Sheerin, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Ms. Aideen Quinn, A/Executive Planner, Planning
Mr. Ciaran Kelly, Graduate Planner, Planning
Ms. Tara Quinn, Executive Architect, Housing Capital
Mr. Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Community
Development
Ms. Rosita Mahony, Senior Economic Development Officer,
Economic Development
Mr. Paul Gallagher, Administrative Officer, Environment Section
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate
Services
Ms. Caroline Britton, A/Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

Also in Attendance

Ms. Lauren Kelly, Teacher, Abbey Vocational School
Ms. Rowan Buchanan, Student, Abbey Vocational School
Ms. Clodagh Glackin, Student, Abbey Vocational School
Ms. Freya Burton, Student, Abbey Vocational School

MDD/031/23 APOLOGIES

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer, Environment Section

MDD/032/23 STANDING ORDERS

Cllr Kennedy welcomed all attendees and referred to Standing Order
No. 64 which stipulates that recording of the meeting is prohibited.

**MDD/032/23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 14TH FEBRUARY
2023**

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Sweeny the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 14th February 2023 were confirmed.

MDD/033/23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 10TH FEBRUARY 2023

On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Sweeny the Minutes of the Roads Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 10th February 2023 were confirmed, subject to the amendment of Item No. 5 (delete -'improvement') and replace with ('drainage') and (delete '€3,814,965.22') and replace with ('€279,059').

MDD/034/23 Attendance of Deputation from the Abbey Vocational School, Donegal Town

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms Lauren Kelly, a teacher in the Abbey Vocational School and three students to the Donegal MD meeting and asked the students to present their Young Social Innovators Project. The students collectively presented their Greenest Link Project which seeks to work with Transport for Ireland and Donegal County Council to promote the Local Link bus service as a reliable and sustainable mode of transport. The students had carried out a survey in the school and noted that over 31% of the students use the Local Link service, however, a significant number of participants in the survey highlighted issues with the service such as poor timetables and buses not arriving on time. In order to further promote the service, the students will be printing and distributing promotional leaflets and are suggesting that improvements to the App to include GPS capabilities would create a more streamline and informative service for passengers.

The Members commended the students in pursuing this sustainable initiative and noted the importance of having a reliable public transport service that will assist in reducing our carbon footprint. The Members highlighted their efforts in ensuring the service offered by Bus Eireann is effective and have sought the installation of additional bus shelters and suggested that the students seek funding from the Transport for Ireland to assist with the printing costs of the leaflets. It was also noted that transportation is discussed at several meetings conducted by the Council, including the LCDC and it was suggested a questionnaire could be distributed throughout the school to ascertain further information such as how many times in a day transportation is required by a household for school, extracurricular activities, and employment. The results of the survey could then be relayed back to the Rural Transport Office in Killybegs.

Mr Sweeney also commended the students and suggested submitting an e-mail to the National Transport Authority to highlight the project. Mr Sweeney welcomed the GPS facility and noted the importance of ensuring bus shelters are located in areas that would not cause any safety risks.

The Members thanked the deputation for their presentation and discussion and wished them all the best for the future.

MDD/035/23 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

CORPORATE SERVICES

In relation to the follow ups from the previous meeting Mr Sheerin advised letters issued to both ESB and Bus Eireann. Mr Sheerin submitted that Bus Eireann has subsequently made contact and are seeking a workshop with the Members. It was agreed to hold the workshop on the 05th April 2023 at 10am in the Donegal Public Service Centre.

Ballyshannon Library Service

Cllr Sweeny sought an update on the re-opening date for the Ballyshannon Library and submitted that a significant number of calls have been received regarding the facilities. Cllr Sweeny noted the importance of having a library facility in the locality and asked that the library is re-opened to the public as soon as possible. Mr Sheerin agreed to seek an update from the Cultural Service Section.

HOUSING SERVICES

Progress reports on Casual Vacancies, Grants, Loans, Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016, HAP Tenancies, Housing Need, Housing Capital, Approved Housing Bodies Development, and Lease & Repair Scheme

The Members noted the housing reports. Mr Sheerin provided an update on the casual vacancies and noted a number of properties that are currently out for tender should have a contractor on site shortly. The two bed property in Killybegs has been allocated and accepted and it is expected that a further two properties will be returned to the Council in due course. It is expected that the allocations for Phase III of Oak Meadows will be made by the end of March and the five turnkey properties in Ballyshannon will also be allocated shortly. In terms of the deep retrofitting scheme, forty-four properties have been assessed and submitted to the Department for approval. Mr Sheerin also highlighted the changes to the Local Authority Home Loan Scheme and agreed to forward an information note to the Members in this regard.

A number of comments / queries were dealt with as follows:-

Eviction Ban

Cllr McMahon highlighted the major issues the lifting of the eviction ban will cause at the end of March 2023 and sought clarification on the Council's role in purchasing properties from landlords who have issued Notices to Quit to tenants. Cllr Jordan concurred with Cllr McMahon and submitted that the Government is putting a significant onus on Local Authorities to address the housing crisis without providing the relevant solutions. Cllr Jordan referred to the number of tenants currently residing in HAP properties within the Donegal MD and noted the difficulty in purchasing this high volume of properties.

Mr Sheerin submitted that the lifting of the eviction ban is creating a lot of debate and the Council is currently awaiting further clarification on the operation of a tenant in-situ scheme from the Department. Mr Sheerin further submitted that it would not be reasonable for the Council to buy every property as adherence to eligibility criteria will be required and, at this juncture, the level of funding available to purchase such properties has not been clarified. The proposed tenant in-situ scheme would also have an impact on the Council's Allocation Scheme and this may also need to be reviewed and amended. Mr Sheerin advised that the Housing For All Plan has allowed for significant resources to be made available to increase the Council's stock and noted the expression of interest mechanism remains open for land and property proposals. In terms of the homeless process, Mr Sheerin advised that options for emergency accommodation is extremely limited and asked Members to note that Threshold provides an advisory and advocacy service to those experiencing tenancy issues. Finally, Mr Sheerin submitted that the Council has obtained approval from the Department to appoint a HAP Placefinder Officer to work with Estate Agents and clients to identify suitable properties.

Cllr McMahon thanked Mr Sheerin for his response and expressed the view that it was inappropriate of the Minister to suggest that those who have no option in terms of housing, present at the local Garda Station. Cllr McMahon suggested an Official from the Department of Housing should be invited to Donegal to discuss the ongoing housing crisis. Mr Sheerin advised that the Housing Office is monitoring the number of Notices to Quit and suggested a request for a representative from the Department of Housing to attend a meeting in Donegal could be considered by the Plenary Council.

Once clarification has been obtained from the Department, it was agreed a Workshop with the Members would be arranged to discuss the proposed schemes being referenced in public discourse and the implementation of same by Donegal County Council.

Tenant Purchase Scheme

In response to a query from Cllr Naughton regarding the Tenant Purchase Scheme, Mr Sheerin advised clarification in terms of the reckonable income has been received from the Department and applications are currently being processed and was not aware of any applications on hold. Mr Sheerin also noted that some further clarifications are being sought but these are not causing any delay to applications being considered.

Housing Capital

Ms Quinn submitted that the tender assessment is ongoing for the Drumacrin Phase 1 project and there is an anticipated a commencement date of July 2023 for this scheme. A Part VIII application is forthcoming for the Laghey Scheme and a valid turnkey proposal is being progressed for thirty-five units in Donegal Town.

Drumacrin, Bundoran (Phase 1)

Cllr McMahon highlighted the importance of ensuring the Link Road for the Drumacrin Scheme is included in the Local Area Plan and the County Development Plan. Cllr Naughton concurred with Cllr McMahon and noted that houses can't be built unless a proper traffic management system has been identified. Mr Sheerin advised the Planning Section are aware of the importance of the Link Road to facilitate the Drumacrin Phase 1 development.

Killybegs Housing Scheme

Cllr Kennedy expressed frustration at the slow pace of the housing project at Killybegs for seventeen units, despite agreement from the local landowners. Cllr Kennedy highlighted the difficulty young couples are experiencing in obtaining homes and noted that people within the Killybegs area should be provided with the opportunity to purchase affordable homes.

Ms Quinn submitted that the Killybegs Scheme is progressing with an aim to obtain Part VIII approval by the end of the summer. Mr Sheerin noted the relevance of an Affordable Housing Scheme for the four larger towns within the Donegal MD and agreed to raise the issue with Senior Management.

MDD/036/22 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

2023 Roadworks Programme Status Report

Members noted the reports on the Road Works programme circulated with the Agenda and were advised the figures relate to the 2022 budget. The updated 2023 figures will be included in the April MD Status Report.

Follow up Issues from the previous meeting

Mr Sweeney had provided an update on the follow up issues from the previous meeting, as circulated by e-mail, that dealt with the following matters: -

Refer the workshop request with Enerveo to the Senior Engineer responsible for public lighting.

This request has been referred to the Council's Public Lighting management team and they have advised that it's not appropriate for Councillors to meet appointed contractors with respect to contractual arrangements, but the issues noted will be raised by and discussed with the Contractor at the next meeting which is scheduled for 10th March 2023. By way of further update, the Council is working through the outages reports with the contractor, which have been reduced to 240 at this moment in time. An additional contractor staff member has been trained in working on ESB networks which will assist with improved delivery.

Arrange an on-site meeting with the tree surgeon in Ballyshannon.

These works were completed on 21st February 2023.

Review disabled parking spaces in Ballyshannon along with the identification of a loading bay space on Market Street.

The Area Engineer has advised that the footpath repair works outside Bank of Ireland are scheduled to commence next week and the intention is that the lining works requested will be undertaken after these works are completed.

Seek an additional meeting with ESB to discuss the kiosk on the Diamond in Donegal Town.

This meeting has been requested and the ESB are happy to accommodate same. We will revert to the Members with a view to agreeing a date for the meeting when the ESB advises of their availability.

Cutting of shrubbery located close to the public art piece on the Mountcharles / Inver Road. 2

These works are being undertaken as part of the art project contract.

Consider the erection of signage at Kilcar to warn approaching motorists of possible deer crossing the road.

These signs have been ordered and will be erected when they are available.

Raise pedestrian safety concerns on the road between Bruckless and Dunkineely with the TII Office

A meeting was held on 17th February 2023 with the Road Safety Engineer and the National Road Design Office (NRDO) regarding the

issue of people walking along the N56 between Dunkineely and Killaghtee and Killaghtee to Bruckless and the following was agreed:

1. The Road Safety Engineer will review the location to see if it qualifies for a Type D safety scheme.
2. The school are to be asked to apply for the Safe Routes to School Active Travel Programme when the NTA next look for new applications as the school is not listed on the list of current applicants.
3. If the scheme does not qualify as Type D safety scheme, it will then be reviewed as a potential active travel project by the NRDO and the focus will be to consider the Killaghtee to Dunkineely issue first.

A number of comments / queries were dealt with as follows:-

Public Lighting

Cllr McMahon thanked Mr Sweeney for his report and was disappointed he is unable to discuss the ongoing public lighting issues with Eneveo. Cllr McMahon submitted there is a problem with the public lighting at the Kinlough Road Underpass and commended the public lighting works at the Supervalu carpark in Bundoran. Mr Sweeney agreed to follow up regarding the public lighting issue at the Kinlough Road Underpass.

Outdoor Staff

Cllr McMahon highlighted that a number of outdoor staff who had submitted applications to HR for Ganger positions have not been shortlisted despite significant experience. Although Mr Sweeney advised that the MD meeting was not the forum to discuss this issue, he was aware of the situation and is currently liaising with HR in relation to the matter.

Traffic Warden

Cllr Naughton submitted that he has received a number of complaints from individuals working in Donegal Town regarding the operation of traffic fines etc. and in particular the high number of tickets being issued. Cllr Naughton was aware of one individual who had received two parking tickets within the space of two days, despite returning to the vehicle within minutes of the expiry time for the ticket. Cllr Conaghan highlighted the issue of inappropriate parking and noted the number of car parks available throughout the town.

Mr Sweeney submitted that Donegal Town is a busy town in terms of traffic which includes over seventy Bus Eireann and Local Link buses stopping in the town on a daily basis and these busses contribute to the congestion. The Traffic Wardens are appointed to manage parking throughout the town and keep specific areas clear, however, he agreed to discuss the issue raised with the Parking Section and the Traffic Warden. In addition, and in order to reduce congestion

within the town centre, Cllr Naughton recommended creating a link road from the Abbey Vocational School to the old Laghey Road. Mr Sweeney noted that this road was identified as an Indicative Strategic Road within the Donegal Town Local Area Plan and advised that it runs through Primary Residential zoned lands and the road will eventually get constructed as development progresses. Mr Sweeney also submitted that the one-way system for Donegal Town is nearing tender stage and hopes to be in a position to commence works on this project before the end of the year.

Active Travel

Cllr Naughton expressed his disappointment that the Laghey Village Active Travel Project is scheduled for Phase 6 construction stage in Quarter 4 of 2025. Mr Sweeney advised that this project involves the purchase of lands and therefore taking into consideration the timelines for the purchase of the lands, funding availability, designs and the tendering process, the realistic commencement date is Quarter 4, 2025.

Cllr Sweeney sought an update on the Active Travel project for Bishop Street in Ballyshannon. Mr Sweeney agreed to seek an update from the Road Design Office.

In relation to the proposed Active Travel Scheme on the Bruckless to Dunkineely Road, Cllr Kennedy queried who will make contact with the school regarding the proposed application under the Safe Routes to School Active Travel Programme. Mr Sweeney agreed to obtain the contact details and make contact with the school directly.

Rossnowlagh Parking

Cllr Sweeney highlighted the issue of inappropriate parking especially on yellow boxes at Rossnowlagh and noted that entrances to individual houses have been blocked on occasion. He suggested the erection of 'no parking' signage. Mr Sweeney was reluctant to erect additional signage at a scenic location and suggested the Guards monitor the situation as it is illegal to park on a yellow box.

Specific Funding

In response to a query from Cllr Sweeney regarding Conor's Bridge, Mr Sweeney confirmed the bridge is included in the Municipal Districts specific grant funding priority list and is aware the Senior Engineer in Road Design is in communications with the Department in relation to this project.

Housing Estates – Back Lanes

In response to a query from Cllr Sweeney regarding the timeline for the commencement of works to the back lane in Cluain Barron, Ballyshannon, Mr Sweeney confirmed that a job code has been set up and the works schedule is currently being planned.

Roundabout Roadmarkings

Cllr Sweeney raised the issue of the roadmarkings (Left only Arrow) at the Mullans and Tullyearl roundabouts and queried if these markings were in contradiction to the rules of the road. Mr Sweeney advised that various discussions regarding these roadmarkings have taken place at these MD meetings and it was agreed to create a left hand turn only marking to mitigate confusion and prevent crossing on the roundabout. The markings have been in place for over eighteen months and so far, they appear to be working well.

St John's Point – Beach Access

Cllr Kennedy noted the traffic management issues on the road to St John's Point and queried if a height restriction barrier could be erected to prevent camper vans entering this area. Mr Sweeney was aware of the difficulties with this road and advised that should a camper van ignore the signage and arrive at the barrier there is no room to facilitate the turning of the vehicle. Mr Sweeney agreed to consider a traffic management solution for this area but also advised that the lands in the vicinity of the beach and beyond towards the lighthouse are privately owned and the public roads terminates at the cattle grid.

Section 183 Request – Disposal of land at Rennison's Lane to Liam Clancy, Olympic Amusements, Bundoran

Mr Sweeney sought approval from the Members for the disposal of land at Rennison's Lane, Bundoran to Liam Clancy, Olympic Amusements, Bundoran. On the proposal of Cllr McMahon, seconded by Cllr Naughton, Members confirmed their agreement to the proposed Section 183 and noted the matter would be on the Agenda for the forthcoming Plenary Council meeting.

MDD/037/23 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Ms R Mahony was in attendance to represent the Economic Development, Information systems and Emergency Services Directorate. Members noted the update reports circulated with the agenda dealing with the following:-

1. Economic Development
 - a. Economic Development Unit
 - b. Tourism Marketing Unit
 - c. Strategic Funding Unit
 - d. Trail Gazers Bid Project
 - e. Donegal Diaspora Unit
2. Local Enterprise Office
3. Emergency Services: Fire Service

Ms Mahony submitted that the Donegal Relocation Marketing Campaign has reached over three million across all social media platforms and received over fifty relocation enquiries. The Council is

leading out on four Shared Island Fund applications and are currently scoping requirements for feasibility assessments. The next Tourism Conference is scheduled to take place on the 30th March 2023 and this year's theme is 'Emerging Trends'.

A number of comments / queries were dealt with as follows:-

Trail Gazers Toolkit

Cllr Sweeny thanked Ms Mahony for the report and commended those who organised the launch of the Trail Gazers Toolkit held recently as part of the National Enterprise Week.

Large Scale Projects

Cllr Sweeny referred to the Alpha Beta Project in Letterkenny and noted the importance of developing similar scale projects within the Donegal MD. Cllr Sweeny was aware of the proposed Shared Island Project for the development of an initiative between Ballyshannon and Belleek and highlighted the importance of ensuring this project stays within its original scope.

Fire Stations

Cllr McMahon raised the issue of the Fire Stations and in a discussion with fellow Councillors queried if a response had been received from the Members of the Oireachtas. Cllr Naughton queried if the Council's Capital Plan has sought for the construction of two Fire Stations. Cllr Kennedy confirmed Deputy Marion Harkin had been in touch to pass on her apologies as she could not attend the recent meeting and it is also expected that a motion will go before the Plenary Council in due course.

Donegal Diamond

Cllr Naughton queried if a workshop will be arranged to discuss the Donegal Diamond. Ms Mahony referred to the report and noted that a workshop will be arranged once the procurement of the contractors has been finalised.

MDD/038/23 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

Mr P Gallagher presented the report for the Environment Section, as circulated with the Agenda highlighting with the following matters:-

- Waste & Litter Management
 - Green Hub Pilot Initiative Launch
 - WEEE Collection Days
- Central Laboratory
 - Septic Tanks – National Inspection Plan
 - Regulated Private Drinking Water Supplies
 - Public Engagement Activities

- Rural Water Programme
 - County Donegal Group Water Scheme Sector
 - Group Water Scheme Takeover Requests
 - Resourcing
 - GWS Takeover Project – Works to date
 - Orphan Schemes
 - Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019 to 2021
 - Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2022 to 2025
 - Measure A8 – Wastewater Collection and Treatment Needs for Villages and Settlements without access to Public Waste Water Services
 - Well Grants

As a follow up to the last meeting, Mr Gallagher informed the Members that a response had issued in relation to the septic tank inspections and remedial works are to be completed to the foot shower at Murvagh Beach.

Mr Gallagher submitted that the ‘Green Hub’ launch in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town was well attended by local businesses and advised that the ‘Green Hub’ project aims to encourage businesses to implement good waste management, particularly in the areas of waste segregation and recycling. Mr Gallagher further submitted that a WEEE collection day has been arranged to take place in Killybegs on the 13th April 2023 and the Donegal Clean Up launch will take place on the 23rd March on Fintra Beach.

A number of comments / queries were dealt with as follows:-

Group Water Schemes & Well Grants

Cllr Jordan thanked Mr Gallagher for his report and referred to the comprehensive Group Water Scheme report and noted that there is an inadequate level of funding available to progress a number of schemes. Cllr Jordan also referred to the eligibility criteria for well grants, in particular the criteria that stipulates the property must be at least seven years old and submitted that people are unable to build new houses in specific areas due to water supply issues and are not in a position to draw down funding under the Well Grant Scheme. Cllr Jordan called on the Department to provide additional funding to allow additional Group Water Schemes to proceed.

Cllr Naughton requested a letter issue to the Minister of Environment in relation to the seven-year rule for the drawing down of a well grant and the pre 2013 registration rule for septic tank funding. Cllr Naughton highlighted the difficulties young couples are experiencing with little or no supports available in this regard and noted the excessive costs applicable should an application be made to Uisce Éireann for a water connection.

Mr Gallagher agreed to issue a letter to the Minister of Environment and will also speak to the Executive Engineer regarding arranging a Workshop with the Members to discuss funding streams and priority lists for Group Water Schemes.

Green Hub Initiative

Cllr Naughton and Cllr Sweeny commended the attendance at the 'Green Hub' Initiative that took place on the 28th February 2023 in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town and welcomed the project.

Murvagh Beach Foot Shower

Cllr Naughton welcomed the remedial works to the foot shower at Murvagh beach and submitted that he will be reviewing the works when complete. Mr Gallagher referred to staff shortages within the Coastal Management Team and agreed to speak to the Coastal Officer who will be liaising with the Consultants and the OPW in relation to the remedial works.

Public Conveniences - Bundoran

Cllr McMahan commended the high-quality works to the public conveniences in Bundoran and noted the building was also equipped with two outdoor showers.

Outdoor Pools

Cllr McMahan noted Bundoran offered two outdoor pools and sought an update on the remedial works to the Thrupenny Pool.

Uisce Éireann

Cllr McMahan referred to the response received from Uisce Éireann in relation to the limescale issue experienced by residents and businesses within the Cashelard area and suggested that a representative from Uisce Éireann meet with the residents and businesses affected by limescale. Mr Gallagher agreed to bring back the comments to the Management Team.

Sand Dune Erosion

Cllr Sweeny referred to the sand dune erosion at Rossnowlagh beach, located to the left of the Sand House Hotel, and queried if, rather than straw bales, could an alternative solution be identified.

Fly-Tipping

Cllr Kennedy referred to the excessive amount of rubbish that is being tipped along our roadsides and commended the community groups who carry out regular clean ups. Cllr Kennedy suggested hosting stands at festivals and events to highlight the impact of dumping rubbish. Despite the Council's best efforts, Mr Gallagher submitted that the issues continue in specific areas and asked that the Environment Office is made aware of problem areas.

MDD/039/23 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES

Community Development

Mr. Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development informed the Members that Mr Barney McLaughlin has joined the Community Development Division and will be in attendance at future MD meetings.

Members noted the Community Development Report was not circulated in advance of the meeting and it was agreed to circulate a copy of same directly to each Member after the meeting. P Doherty noted the report included the following matters:-

- Town & Village Renewal – Donegal MD
 - Donegal Town
 - Glencolmcille
 - Carrick
 - Bruckless
- Clár 2022 – Donegal MD
 - Termon Complex, Pettigo
 - Leitir Corn Mill River Walk, Kilcar
- Playground Maintenance
- Walks & Trails
- Sliabh Liag Development Project
- Leader/RDP Programme Update
- Social Inclusion
- Healthy Donegal
- Development Fund Initiative

2023 DFI Allocations

Following on from the DFI Workshop held on the 06th March 2023, on the proposal of Cllr Jordan and seconded by Cllr McMahon the following DFI allocations were agreed for 2023:-

Applicant	Amount
Donegal County Council	€ 500
Donegal Hospice	€ 2,890
Donegal Women in Business Network	€ 390
Tirchonail Commemoration Cmt	€ 3,000
Women's Collective Ireland - Donegal (formally Donegal Women's Network)	€ 500
Irish Wheelchair Association	€ 2,400
Abbey Mill Wheel Restoration Trust Ltd	€ 2,500
ADoPT	€ 2,500
Allingham Arts Association	€ 2,500
Aodh Ruadh GAA Club	€ 5,000

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Ballyshannon Brass and Reed Band	€	2,500
Ballyshannon Folk and Traditional Music Festival	€	2,500
Barnesmore Community Dev Ltd	€	2,500
Bluestack Special Needs Foundation	€	4,500
Bundoran Community Childcare	€	2,500
Bundoran Community Development	€	2,500
CLG Naomh Brid	€	2,500
Co Donegal Railway Restoration CLG	€	2,500
Comhairle Paroiste Chill Chartha Kilcar Parish Council	€	2,750
Cully Hall Committee	€	3,000
Donegal Family Resource Centre	€	2,500
Donegal Town Football Club	€	3,000
Donegal Town Summer Festival	€	2,500
Donegal Voices	€	2,500
Drimarone Development CLG (Bluestack Centre)	€	2,500
Drumacrin Ave Residents Group/Association	€	2,500
Drumbar United FC CLG	€	3,000
Dunkineely Community CLG (DCL)	€	4,070
Foresters Community Hall	€	2,500
Four Masters GAA Club	€	3,000
Friends of Rossylongan Forest	€	2,500
Killybegs Athletic Club	€	3,000
Killybegs Community Kitchen	€	2,500
Killybegs Regeneration Group & Info Office	€	2,500
Killymard Parish Council (The Mustard Seed)	€	2,500
Laghey Parish Church (COI)	€	2,500
Micheál Ó Cléirigh Summer School	€	2,500
Mullinasole Bay water Sports Club	€	2,500
Realt Na Mara Bundoran GAA	€	2,500
Rory Gallagher Festival Committee	€	3,000
St John Bosco Club	€	2,500
St Nauls NS	€	2,500
St Peters Church Killaghtee (Killaghtee Parish Church Hall)	€	2,500
SVP Ozanam House Residential Unit	€	2,500
The Forge Family Resource Centre Pettigo	€	2,500
Townawilly Restoration Committee Townawilly parish a/c no2	€	3,500
	€	120,000

Planning Services

Ms Aideen Quinn presented the Planning Service Reports as circulated with the Agenda dealing with the following: -

- Development Applications
- Enforcement
- Q1 2023 Planning Clinics
 - 23rd March 2023
 - 6th April 2023
 - 20th April 2023
 - 4th May 2023
- Regeneration & Development Team Report
- Capital Projects Delivery Unit

Ms A Quinn noted that in comparison to previous years the number of planning applications received to date this year has reduced.

A number of comments were noted as follows;

Pre-Planning Clinics

Cllr Naughton queried if there was plans in place to re-commence face to face pre-planning clinics and noted that the quality of some planning applications currently being submitted to the Planning Office were of a poor standard. Ms Quinn noted the benefits of face to face clinics and agreed to relay the comments raised to the Management Team.

Killybegs 2040

Cllr Kennedy acknowledged the comprehensive report and welcomed the level of funding currently available for projects and noted that although the Killybegs 2040 project is causing some traffic distributions, it is progressing well.

MDD/040/23 SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS 2023

Mr. P Sheerin briefed Members in relation to the Schedule of Municipal District Works as circulated with the Agenda and referenced the suite of documents sent to Members in advance of the meeting. Cllr Naughton sought a detailed breakdown of the Public Lights & Minor Infrastructure Fund and the Minor Tourism Works Scheme. Mr Sheerin agreed to forward the query to the relevant sections.

On the proposal of Cllr McMahon seconded by Cllr Sweeny, Members resolved “that the Municipal District of Donegal hereby adopts for the financial year ended 31st December 2023, the Schedule of Municipal District Works as set out in the schedules presented at the Municipal District meeting of the 14th March 2023 as required by Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and in line with requirements of Circular LG27/2014/Fin21/2014.”

MDD/041/23 DISCUSSION ON A REQUEST FOR THE ERECTION OF TWO BUS SHELTERS IN BUNDORAN

On the proposal of Cllr McMahon, seconded by Cllr Jordan the following motion was adopted: -

“That this MD in conjunction with Bus Eireann and Ulster Bus try to get two bus shelters erected in Bundoran”.

Members were given a response to the motion by the Area Manager, Roads & Transportation.

In speaking to his motion, Cllr McMahon noted the importance of promoting public transport and advised that in order to keep waiting passengers safe and dry, suitable locations have been identified in Bundoran for the erection of bus shelters. Cllr McMahon suggested negotiations for funding to erect the bus shelters should take place with both Bus Eireann and Ulster Bus. Cllr Jordan welcomed the motion submitted by Cllr McMahon and highlighted that there are a number of areas, such as along the new Inver Road, that also require the erection of bus shelters.

In response Mr Sweeny advised that the provision of bus shelters comes under the umbrella of the NTA and consideration is given to locations where more than five services a day take place and there are no potential safety risks. Mr Sweeny agreed to discuss the locations in Bundoran with Cllr McMahon.

MDD/042/23 DISCUSSION ON A REQUEST FOR A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF ALL PUBLIC LIGHTS IN THE DONEGAL TOWN AREA

On the proposal of Cllr Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Naughton the following motion was adopted: -

“That this Donegal MD carry out a complete and comprehensive review of all lights in the Donegal Town area. Lights have not been repaired or checked for a number of weeks in some areas of the town, for example lights are out on the Killybegs Rd for over two weeks”.

Members were given a response to the motion by the Area Manager, Roads & Transportation.

In speaking to his motion, Cllr Conaghan thanked Mr Sweeney for his response and noted the excessive number of lights within the environs of Donegal Town that are not operating correctly and referred to those who exercise in the evenings for safety reasons require operational public lights. Cllr Conaghan also noted some lights remain on 24 hours a day. In seconding this motion, Cllr Naughton referred to the number of calls received regarding public lighting issues.

MDD/042/23 DISCUSSION ON THE PURCHASE OF A HIGH VELOCITY POTHOLE SPRAYER

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Kennedy the following motion was adopted: -

“I am asking this MD to call on the DCC and the county machinery yard to purchase a High Velocity pothole sprayer in light of the condition of a lot of our secondary roads”.

Members were given a response to the motion by the Area Manager, Roads & Transportation

In speaking to his motion, Cllr Jordan noted the condition of local roads following the recent cold spell and highlighted the cost benefits of purchasing a High Velocity pothole sprayer to carry out repairs to road surfaces. Cllr Jordan is aware of substantial grants available to assist in purchasing such machines and recommended the Council consider purchasing one machine for use by all the MDs in the county. Cllr Kennedy seconded the motion.

In response Mr Sweeny advised the Council is currently in the process of hiring the machine and will, if suitable, consider the purchase of same in due course.

MDD/043/23 REQUEST FOR CLEAN UP WORKS AT THE PIER IN DONEGAL TOWN

The following question was submitted by Cllr Conaghan: -

“Is there any possibility of tidying the area at the pier in Donegal Town before the summer season?”

Cllr Conaghan received a response from the Area Manager, Roads & Transportation

MDD/044/23 REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH THE ESB REGARDING THE ERECTION OF THE TRANSFORMER ON THE DIAMOND IN DONEGAL TOWN

The following question was submitted by Cllr Conaghan: -

“Can this Donegal MD arrange a meeting with the ESB regarding the erection of the transformer on the Diamond in Donegal Town?”

Cllr Conaghan received a response from the Area Manager, Roads & Transportation

MDD/045/23 Date of Next Meeting / Workshops

- Roads Workshop on Wednesday the 29th March 2023 at 2pm in the Peter Kennedy Chamber.
- Workshop with Bus Eireann representatives on the 05th April 2023 at 10am in the Donegal Public Service Centre (provisional date).
- MD Meeting on Tuesday the 11th April 2023 at 11.30 am in the Peter Kennedy Chamber (as per standing orders)

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Roads & Transportation Workshop

Date: 6th March 2023

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Donegal PSC - Council Chamber

Present: Cllr Sweeney, Cllr Naughton, Cllr Kennedy,
Cllr Conaghan, Cllr McMahon. Cllr Jordan.
Mark Sweeney.

Topic discussed:

1. The 2023 Road Maintenance Programme (based on 2023 budget)
2. The 2023 Road Improvement Programme (based on 2023 budget)
3. The 2023 Drainage programme (based on 2023 budget)
4. Workshop date to discuss the 2023 LIS & CIS priority lists.

1. The 2023 Road Maintenance Programme (based on 2023 budget)

The members were presented with a proposed programme of road maintenance (surface dressing) works to the value of €1,030,078.00 which was discussed and agreed without amendment.

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 14th March 2023.

See attached for copy of programme.

2. The 2023 Road Improvement Programme (based on 2023 budget)

The members were presented with a proposed programme of road improvement works to the value of €4,038,883.00 which was discussed and agreed without amendment.

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 14th March 2023.

See attached for copy of programme.

3. The 2023 Drainage programme (based on 2023 budget)

The members were presented with a proposed drainage programme to the value of €279,535.00 which was discussed and agreed without amendment.

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 14th March 2023.

See attached for copy of programme.

4. Workshop date needed to discuss the 2023 LIS & CIS priority lists.

The Members agreed to have this workshop on Wednesday 29th March 2023 at 10:00am in the Public Services Centre.

Minutes compiled by: Mark Sweeney A/SEE Roads & Transportation Office,
Donegal Municipal District.

Donegal Municipal District

Agreed 2023 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme

Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Works Type	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)
2023 Regional & Local Road Surface Dressing									
R	R262/6	Frosses Glenties Patching	14	SD	2023	510	7	3570	€19,635.00
LS	LS6495-1	Heneys (Patching)	14	SD	2023	950	4.75	4512.5	€22,130.00
LP	LP1865-1	Ballydevitt - Drumark (Patching)	14	SD	2023	1025	5.5	5638	€27,760.00
LS	LP6315-1	Mountcharles Forge Road	14	SD	2023	1300	4.2	5460	€26,870.00
LP	LP1815-1	Mountcharles Glencoagh (Tarmac)	14	SD	2023	800	4.5	3600	€17,956.98
LP	LP 1515-2/3	Meenabraden (Tarmac)	14	SD	2023	1000	5.75	5750	€28,320.00
LP	LP1415-3	Calhame - to Bogside Jnc	14	SD	2023	1200	4	4800	€23,570.00
LP	LP1425-1	Ballycroy St Johns Point	14	SD	2023	1000	3.75	3750	€18,320.00
LP	LP1665-3	Rock Road Doorin	14	SD	2023	1000	3.5	3500	€17,070.00
LP	LP1685-4	Meenaguse	14	SD	2023	1250	3.2	4000	€19,625.02
						10035		44580	€221,257.00
LP	LP1265-3	Portnacrosch	15	SD	2023	1200	3.4	4080	€20,400.00
LP	LP1415-2	Loughmult/ Calhame	15	SD	2023	1300	3.7	4810	€24,050.00
LS	LS5645-1	Meenabraden/ Meencloy	15	SD	2023	1600	5.5	8800	€44,000.00
LP	LP1215-3	Lergadaghtan/Muckcross	15	SD	2023	1400	3.5	4950	€24,750.00
LP	LP1185-1	Cougish Link road	15	SD	2023	1000	3	3000	€15,000.00
LS	LP1115-1	Derrylaghan/Kilbeg	15	SD	2023	1200	4.2	5040	€25,200.00
LP	LP5015-3	Loughaherk toward straboy	15	SD	2023	1600	4	6400	€27,996.86
LS	LS5075-1	Kinakillew	15	SD	2023	1000	3.3	3300	€16,500.00
LP	LP1025-2	Malinmore	15	SD	2023	1200	5	6000	€30,000.00
LS	LS5195-1	Derrylaghan rowards Cuskary	15	SD	2023	1100	3.5	3850	€19,250.00
LS	LT11151	Derrylaghan rowards Cuskary glebe	15	SD	2023	700	3	2100	€10,500.00
LP	LP1395-1	Calhame towards Gilbertstown	15	SD	2023	900	4.5	4050	€20,916.14
						14200		56380	€278,563.00
LP	L-2255-1	Ballintra Gables	16	RM	2023	630	5.00	3150	€15,750.00
LP	L-2305-1	Rockhill	16	RM	2023	450	4.00	1800	€9,000.00
LS	L-7745-1	Ardgillew	16	RM	2023	1100	3.30	3630	€18,150.00
LS	L-7815-2	Lough Unshin	16	RM	2023	1400	4.00	5600	€28,000.00
LP	L-2525-2	Moy Road (O'Mahony's to Town)	16	RM	2023	1000	5.50	5500	€27,500.00
R	R-231-5	Rossnowlagh	16	RM	2023	1000	6.50	6500	€35,750.00
LS	L-7475-1	Barr of Ballynacarrick	16	RM	2023	1700	3.50	5950	€32,725.00
LP	L-2485-4	Cliff Road to Knader	16	RM	2023	1040	4.50	4680	€23,400.00
LP	L-7835-1	Cliff Road to Corlea	16	RM	2023	300	5.00	1500	€7,500.00
LS	L-7795-2	Corlea	16	RM	2023	300	5.00	1500	€7,500.00
LS	L-7825-1	Corlea to Derrewkillew	16	RM	2023	1400	3.00	4200	€21,000.00

	L-7675-2	Abbeylands to Cowpark	16	RM	2023	1000	4.00	4000	€22,850.00
			16			11320		48010	€249,125.00
LP	L 1935-1	Raily Park /Drumroske East	17	RM	2023	1100	5	5500	€27,500.00
LP	L 1965-1	Harveys Point	17	RM	2023	1100	5.5	6050	€30,250.00
LP	L 2025-1	St Ernans	17	RM	2023	1200	5	6000	€30,000.00
LP	L 2185	Ballintooly /Rath	17	RM	2023	1200	5	6000	€30,000.00
LT	L 21451-0	Carrick West	17	RM	2023	1100	3.5	3850	€19,250.00
LT	L 20952-1	Ballykillowen	17	RM	2023	1100	3.5	3850	€19,250.00
LS	L 7345-3	Kimmid Depot	17	RM	2023	1150	3.5	4025	€20,125.00
LT	L 22652-0	Carn	17	RM	2023	2400	3.5	8400	€42,000.00
R	R233	Lough Derg	17	RM	2023	1200	5	6000	€33,000.00
R	R267	Abbots	17	RM	2023	740	7	5180	€29,758.00
						12290		54855	€281,133.00

Donegal Municipal District

Agreed 2023 Road Improvement Programme

2023								
Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Eng Area	Year	Width	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (€)
R	R262/3	Frosses - Meenagran	14	2023	6	820	4920	€180,000.00
LP	LP2615/1	Main Street Mountcharles	14	2023	8	450	3600	€100,000.00
LP	LP1515/3	Ardaghey - Ardara (Meenabraden)	14	2022	5.5	740	4070	€113,000.00
LP	LP1845/3	Ballydevitt - Altadoo	14	2023	6.5	650	4225	€118,000.00
LP	LP1665/3	Rock Road Doorin	14	2023	3.75	700	2625	€73,000.00
LP	LP1575/3	Killian N S - Drumnacarry	14	2023	3.5	450	1575	€44,000.00
LP	LP1585/1	Drumnacarry - Ballymacahill	14	2023	3.5	450	1575	€44,000.00
LP	LP1375/5	Leagans - Meenawullaghan	14	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€72,000.00
LP	LP16251	McGranes Post Office (Patch)	14	2023	20	25	500	€16,500.00
LS	LS6175/1/2	Salthill - Mountcharles Leonard's Crossroads	14	2023	3.75	300	1125	€33,750.00
LP	LP1815/1	Glencoagh	14	2023	5	300	1500	€71,280.00
LS	L5975/1	Drumgorman	14	2023	3.75	550	2063	€39,160.00
LS	LP1645/4	Doorin Line	14	2023	6	240	1440	€47,520.00
						6675	32718	€952,210.00

R	R263-14	Cashel hill	15	2023	6.7	700	4690	€150,000.00
R	R263 - 4	Killybegs streets	15	2023	9.0	450	4000	€150,000.00
LP	LP1345-2	Binroe	15	2023	3.5	700	2450	€78,000.00
LP	L1365-1	Drumaghy	15	2023	11.0	200	2200	€60,000.00
R	R230	Meenaneary to crove	15	2023	6.5	500	3250	€80,000.00
LS	LS5295-1	Strabinna	15	2023	3.0	700	2100	€39,543.66
R	R-263-11	Meenavaghan	15	2023	6.7	700	4690	€150,000.00
LS	L-1175-1	Kilbeg (out of Kilcar)	15	2023	5.0	400	2000	€50,000.00
LS	L1295-2	Balbane	15	2023	3.5	800	2800	€50,000.00
LP	LP1025-3	Meenaveen	15	2023	5.0	350	1750	€70,000.00
R	R263-17	Malinbeg towards silver strand	15	2023	4.0	500	2000	€65,000.00
LS	LS5465-1	Straleeny - Aghayeevoge	15	2023	4.5	450	2025	€50,016.34
						6450	33955	€992,560.00
R	R 267	Bundoran Streets	16	2023	9.0	300	2700	€50,000.00
LP	L-2315-1	Smugglers Creek Rossnowlagh	16	2023	5.0	300	1870	€50,000.00
LS	L -7675-1	Coolmore to Spaddan	16	2023	4.0	1400	5600	€137,600.00
LP	L-2525-3	Four Masters (Moy Road)	16	2023	6.0	230	1380	€34,500.00
LP	L 75152	Alla-Lurgan	16	2023	3.2	1000	3200	€86,400.00
LP	L 7985-1	Lisaholly North	16	2023	4.4	300	1320	€35,640.00
LP	L 7275-1	Legnanornoge	16	2023	3.2	1700	5440	€151,286.00
LP	L7115-2	Lacklom (Timoney House to Xroads)	16	2023	4.0	300	1200	€32,400.00
LS	L7815-1- 2	Cashelard (Quarry)	16	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€94,500.00
LP	L7875-3	Ballymunterhiggins - Ardloughill	16	2023	5.0	1000	5000	€85,000.00
LP	L7515-2	Ardpatton - Alla	16	2023	3.75	1000	3750	€101,250.00
LP	L2545-1	Ballymunterhiggins (Mangre RD)	16	2023	3	1000	3000	€51,000.00
LP	L-2535-1	Ballymunterhiggin (Higginstown)	16	2023	5	500	2500	€87,847.00
						10030	40460	€997,423.00
R	R267	Donegal Streets	17	2023	7	500	3500	€112,000.00
R	R232	Pettigo Road	17	2023	7	500	3500	€172,786.00
LP	L1835-1	Greenan Lough Eske	17	2023	4.5	1000	4500	€78,354.00
L S	L 8065-2	Crilly Lettercran Chapel	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€59,500.00
LS	L6685-2	Meenadreen	17	2023	3.5	650	2275	€45,500.00
LS	L6765-2	Drumcroagh continuation of last year	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00
LP	L1835-3	Corrracamp Rd to Tawnawully Old school	17	2023	4	1000	4000	€128,000.00
LS	L6785-2	Glackens to Ardnagasson	17	2023	3.5	700	2450	€49,000.00
LS	L6505-1	New Line Barnes	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00
LP	L2125-3	Ranenney Barr PJ towards Willie Mc Groary	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€59,500.00
LT	L65052	Ardnawark Danny Dunnion	17	2023	3.5	750	2625	€52,500.00

LS	L7365-2	Junction Lough Derg Rd to T junction Monaghans	17	2023	3.5	650	2275	€45,500.00
LP	L1975-1	Corveen Depot Rd	17	2023	3.5	700	2450	€49,000.00
LP	L1965-1	Friary Lough Eske	17	2023	3.5	700	2450	€49,000.00
LP	L2055-1	Laghey (Urban)	17	2023	8	200	1600	€56,000.00
						11350	45625	€1,096,640.00

Donegal Municipal District

2023 Drainage Grant

DMD Budget €279,535.00

Area	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost €
14	Inver Village: Pipe roadside Drain with 900mm S&S pipe for a distance of 60M	LP1565-1	€19,404.18
	Killian: Bernard Boyles 40M of 750mm S&S pipes	LS5825-1	€10,000.00
	Altidoo: Pipe roadside drain to prevent Slippage (CIS O Driscolls) 60m	LP1845-3	€8,000.00
	St Johns's Point: Ballycroy St Johns Point (Shovlins) pipe existing drain for 40m	LP1425-1	€10,000.00
	Inver (Port) at Kennedys 225mm new drainage pipe required along road edge - 80m	LP1565-1	€8,500.00
	Newwtown: Pipe roadside drain with 600mm S&S pipe to prevent slippage (20m)	LP6445-2	€10,000.00
15	Muckross: pipe open darin + 1 nr road crossing (100m)	LP-1215-3	€16,000.00
	Kilbeg: Pipe existing open drain (70m) to dealing with road slippage	LP-1175-1	€15,000.00
	Church road: pipe existing open drain + 1 nr road crossing + gullies (100m)	LP-1315-1	€17,696.90

	Lergadaghtan: pipe esiting drain with a suitably sized pipe and install road gullies (50m)	LP-1065-1	€10,000.00
	Aghragh: Pipe existing open drain to prevent slippage. 100m	LS-5165-1	€10,000.00
16	Lacklom (Road Flooding)	L-7115-2	€14,033.45
	Derries Road (2 x Culverts)	L-2335-4	€20,000.00
	Pipe Ditch (Rockhill) - (Road Pushing)	L-2305-1	€15,000.00
	Smugglers Creek (Water on Road - Potholing)	L-2315-1	€10,000.00
	Moy Road (Flooding) (Culvert Crossing)	L-2525-3	€10,000.00
17	Cullionbuoy Road crossing repair road (McAnawes) ESB Outage Meenadreen	L 2095-6	€15,000.00
	Road crossing chamber repair road (Killymard)	L 1954-1	€15,000.00
	Pipe Rd edge gulleys repair road (Drumrooske Flyover)	L 1935-1	€7,500.00
	Replace 2no Rd crossings raise Rd level (Blue road Shannagh)	L 6965 -1	€7,500.00
	Pipe Rd edge 50 mts gulleys repair road (Aghadowey)	L6915-2	€9,000.00
	Install overflow pipe to prevent Rd flooding	R232	€11,236.25
	Pipe Rd edge 50 mts gulleys repair road (Lough Derg Road - corner before sawmill)	R233	€10,637.22
	TOTAL		€279,535.00

This concluded the business of the workshop.

Area Manager
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Donegal Municipal District

Roads & Transportation Workshop

Date: 29th March 2023

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Donegal PSC - Council Chamber

Present: Councillors: Cllr Sweeney, Cllr Naughton, Cllr Kennedy,
Cllr Conaghan, Cllr McMahon. Cllr Jordan.

DCC Staff: Mark Sweeney.

ESB: Barry McGowan, John Herron, Luke Gavigan

Topic discussed:

- 1. Discussion with the ESB regarding the transformers on the Diamond in Donegal Town**
- 2. 2023 Local Improvement Schemes – Agree priority list**
- 3. 2023 Community Involvement Schemes – Agree priority list**

Discussion with the ESB regarding the transformers on the Diamond in Donegal Town

In response to the request by the Members, the ESB attended this workshop to discuss any issues the Councillors had in relation to the ESB transformers on the Diamond in Donegal Town.

The ESB advised that the old transformers need to be upgraded to meet the current power demand in the town and that the old transformers have been there for many years and were now not fit for purpose. They also advised that if the existing unit goes down at any time that they will have no option other than to replace it immediately otherwise many premises around the town will have no power.

The Councillors were concerned about the size of the new transformers and the visual impact they will have on the Diamond and pointed out that the Council are planning to carry out enhancement works on the Diamond to enhance the public amenity space in the town centre and that these large units are taking away from this.

The Councillor's asked the following questions and detailed below are the responses given:

- Can a smaller transformer be used?
 - You can get a transformer that is not as high, but it would take up a bigger area and a new plinth would need to be provided for same and funding for the new plinth will need to be sourced from the Council.
- Can the transformers be lowered to an underground location?
 - No due to the potential for water ingress.
- Can the transformer be relocated to another location?
 - Yes, but a new location would need to be found and agreed, civil costs for new ducting to new location will need to be considered, a new plinth will be required, and cable splicing will be required as there is no slack in the existing cables. The Members were advised that even a small move could see costs in excess of €100,000.00 and this funding would need to be sourced.
- Can the visual impact of these transformers be lessened by way of disguising them with a stone wall, painting or planting, seating etc,
 - Yes, this can be considered but there are certain requirements that must be met to ensure the safe operation and maintenance of the transformer into the future.

It was agreed that the following items would be investigated and reported back to the Councillors:

- Consider options to soften the visual impact of the transformers.
- Advise on the cost associated with relocating the transformer near the monument closer to the existing wall.

2023 Local Improvement Schemes:

The Members were presented with a complete list of Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) and were asked to prioritise a list of works for the 2023 funding.

The funding available to the DMS this year is €156,950.00.

Detailed below are a list of the schemes that were prioritised.

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 11th April 2023.

2023 Community Involvement Schemes:

The Members were presented with a complete list of Community Involvement Schemes (CIS) and were asked to prioritise a list of works for the 2023 funding.

The funding available to the DMS this year is €184,264.00.

Detailed below are a list of the schemes that were prioritised.

This programme is to be formally agreed at the DMD meeting scheduled for 11th April 2023.

Minutes compiled by: Mark Sweeney A/SEE Roads & Transportation Office,
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Donegal MD

2023 LIS Funding - List of prioritised schemes

Ref_No	ADDRESS	WorkArea	Revised Costing March 2023	Schemes selected at workshop 29.03.2023	Amount
170080	Castleogary	14	€15,500.00	1	€15,500.00
170403	Ardaghy	14	€35,200.00	2	€19,000.00
170180	Drumnaherk	14	€25,000.00	3	€25,000.00
170046	Dooley	15	€11,000.00	1	€11,000.00
170511	Aughera	15	€26,000.00	2	€26,000.00
180053	Barr Hill House, Ballymacaward, Ballyshannon	16	€31,000.00	1	€31,000.00
190285	Townagorm	17	€29,450.00	1	€29,450.00

€156,950.00

Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes 2023

Funding available in 2023

€184,264.00

Project No	RSS Area	Road No	Scheme name	Overall cost	% LC	WIL	Budget
362	14	LS-6365-1	School Lane Mountcharles	€60,000	20%	€12,000	€48,000
393	14	LP-1845	Ballydevitt – Altidoo	€62,000	20%	€12,400	€49,600
251	15	L-51151-0	Malinbeg Bog Road	€20,000	20%	€4,000	€16,000
438	16	L-8005.3	Cloghore	€87,500	20%	41,7500	€70,000

Total €184,264

This concluded the business of the workshop.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

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Municipal District of Donegal



**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

Municipal District of Donegal

11th April 2023

Housing & Corporate

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Casual Vacancies

Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Comment
Bundoran	3	Tenant deceased on the 25/08/2022	Tender Document Stage
Bundoran	2	Tenant deceased on the 12/01/2023	Assessment Stage
Ballyshannon	3	Keys returned 08/07/2019	Tender documents to be prepared
Ballyshannon	2	Tenant deceased - keys returned 16/02/2023	Tender Document Stage
Donegal Town	3	Keys returned 09/01/2023	Allocation Stage
Dunkineely	3	Keys returned 14/02/2023	Contracter on site
Dunkineely	3	25/08/2017	Contracter on site
Dunkineely	3	15/12/2017	Contracter on site
Frosses	1	Keys returned 24/01/2023	Contracter on site
Killybegs	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 23/05/2022	Tender Document Stage
Glencolmcille	1	Tenant deceased - keys returned 10/03/2023	Assessment Complete

Position as at 31st March 2023

HOUSING GRANTS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2022	89	76	7	4	2
HO	2023	25	9	1	4	11

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HM GRANT	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2022	47	26	5	1	3	8	0	4
HD	2023	11	5	1	0	2	0	0	3

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED\INVALID	REAPPLIED UNDER HD GRANT	REF. TO OT	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2022	42	32	3	5	1	1	0
HM	2023	12	6	0	3	0	1	2

HOUSING LOANS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	PENDING	Further information
Housing Loans	2022	7	2	1	4	0	0
Housing Loans	2023	0	0	0	0	0	0

Tenant Purchase Applications 2022 - 2023

Year	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2022	9	1	7	1	0	0
2023	10	0	8	2	0	0

HAP/PRD

HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	218
Letterkenny	711
Glenties	106
Stranorlar	268
Inishowen	433
Sub Total	1736
Tenancies Closed	2648
Overall Total	4384

Updated 31/03/2023

Housing Need by Location

Municipal District	Waiting List (Net Need)	Transfer List	Total Gross Need
Donegal	169	226	395
Ballintra	5	6	11
Ballyshannon	30	51	81
Bruckless	7	2	9
Bundoran	31	65	96
Carrick	2	0	2
Donegal	71	63	134
Drimarone	0	1	1
Dunkineely	3	4	7
Frosses	1	2	3
Glencolmcille	4	0	4
Kilcar	2	3	5
Killybegs	7	17	24
Laghey	1	4	5
Mountcharles	2	6	8
Pettigo	3	2	5
Total	169	226	395
Updated 31/03/2023			

**Housing Capital Update Report
Donegal Municipal District Meeting
April 2023**

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

Donegal County Council is currently progressing the following social housing developments within the Donegal Municipal District:

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Railway Park, Donegal Town (Phase 3)	Construction works are progressing well. Due for completion June 2023.	24
Design / Tender Stage		
<u>Drumacrin, Bundoran Phase 1</u>	Final assessments of the tenders received are ongoing. A tender report will then be prepared, and an application sent to the Department for approval to appoint a contractor. The anticipated start date on site is July 2023.	42
<u>Largymore, Kilcar (SI)</u>	Detailed design being currently being prepared. Anticipated that project will proceed to tender in Q3.	1
Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)		
<u>New Row, Fintra Road, Killybegs</u>	Stage 1 Application for submission to the Department are to be completed in April/May 2023.	17
Laghey	Preliminary Design Stage. It is anticipated that the Single Stage Application to the Department will be submitted for approval in May 2023.	4
Total		88

2. House Acquisition Programme & Buy & Renew Programme

The Council is currently in the process of acquiring 2 no. units under the Buy & Renew Programme at Donegal Town. This acquisition will see 2 no. long-term vacant properties brought back into productive use for social housing purposes. Significant works will be required to the properties following the completion of the contract stage and in advance of letting.

3. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

Donegal County Council's turnkey acquisition process is continuing throughout the county. This competitive dialogue procurement process will result in a major capital investment in social housing and initial projects have now been completed under this process. This is a very effective mechanism enabling the Council to feed into the design of the proposal so as to ensure that the end product is suitable for the needs of social housing tenants. Proposals are subject to meeting the requirements of the procurement process, planning, departmental approval and contract.

Construction works to the approved turnkey development at Brookfield, Donegal Town are now complete. The development provides a total of 38 no. high quality and energy efficient social housing units in Donegal Town. The contractual matters are now being finalised in advance of the Phase 3 units being let to families and individuals from the social housing list.

A further development of 5 no. 2 bedroom properties at Ballyshannon is complete. Final contractual matters are being concluded with the vendor and the Council's solicitors in advance of the 5 units being handed over to the area team and let to approved applicants.

In addition, Council officials are continuing to dialogue with Developers in relation to an additional valid proposal for Donegal Town for 35 units. This proposal is currently awaiting an Irish Water Letter of Water. Members will be fully informed of these proposals upon receipt of final departmental approval.

4. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

The Council is planning to develop further projects on existing landbank in various locations throughout the county. Preliminary designs are underway for a number of these sites and are informed by the pertaining approved social housing need at local level.

In parallel with the construction and turnkey programmes outlined above, the Council is actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes, in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available / shortfall.

In addition to the current expression of interest advertisement on the Councils' website for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing, the Council is also separately identifying parcels of land with social housing potential in areas of need.

A number of suitable parcels of land have been identified across the Donegal MD and engagement / negotiations are ongoing directly with landowners / agents to acquire these lands. In this regard the Council has currently 1 offer accepted, subject to contract, in Ballyshannon.

Approved Housing Bodies Developments - Donegal Municipal District				
Funding Programme	Scheme / Project Name	No of Units	Approved Housing Body	Current Status
CAS Construction	Drumrooske, Donegal Town	10	Oaklee	Construction works complete

Repair & Lease Scheme Summary

Applications

MD	Received	No. of Units	Awaiting assessment	Rejected	Progressing	Total
Inishowen	24	27	7	17	0	24
Donegal	18	42	1	17	0	18
Glenties	19	19	1	18	0	19
Letterkenny	26	33	0	26	0	26
Stranorlar	25	73	12	13	0	25
Total	112	194	21	91	0	112

Updated 30/03/2023

**Donegal Municipal District
2023 Roadworks Programme
Status Report -11th April 2023**

Donegal Municipal District

Agreed 2023 Road Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme

Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Works Type	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
2023 Regional & Local Road Surface Dressing										
R	R262/6	Frosses Glenties Patching	14	SD	2023	510	7	3570	€19,635.00	
LS	LS6495-1	Heneys (Patching)	14	SD	2023	950	4.75	4512.5	€22,130.00	
LP	LP1865-1	Ballydevitt - Drumark (Patching)	14	SD	2023	1025	5.5	5638	€27,760.00	
LS	LP6315-1	Mountcharles Forge Road	14	SD	2023	1300	4.2	5460	€26,870.00	
LP	LP1815-1	Mountcharles Glencoagh (Tarmac)	14	SD	2023	800	4.5	3600	€17,956.98	
LP	LP 1515-2/3	Meenabraden (Tarmac)	14	SD	2023	1000	5.75	5750	€28,320.00	
LP	LP1415-3	Calhame - to Bogside Jnc	14	SD	2023	1200	4	4800	€23,570.00	
LP	LP1425-1	Ballycroy St Johns Point	14	SD	2023	1000	3.75	3750	€18,320.00	
LP	LP1665-3	Rock Road Doorin	14	SD	2023	1000	3.5	3500	€17,070.00	
LP	LP1685-4	Meenaguse	14	SD	2023	1250	3.2	4000	€19,625.02	
						10035		44580	€221,257.00	
LP	LP1265-3	Portnacrosch	15	SD	2023	1200	3.4	4080	€20,400.00	
LP	LP1415-2	Loughmult/ Calhame	15	SD	2023	1300	3.7	4810	€24,050.00	
LS	LS5645-1	Meenabraden/ Meencloy	15	SD	2023	1600	5.5	8800	€44,000.00	
LP	LP1215-3	Lergadaghtan/Muckcross	15	SD	2023	1400	3.5	4950	€24,750.00	Started
LP	LP1185-1	Cougish Link road	15	SD	2023	1000	3	3000	€15,000.00	Started
LS	LP1115-1	Derrylaghan/Kilbeg	15	SD	2023	1200	4.2	5040	€25,200.00	Started
LP	LP5015-3	Loughaherk toward straboy	15	SD	2023	1600	4	6400	€27,996.86	
LS	LS5075-1	Kinakillev	15	SD	2023	1000	3.3	3300	€16,500.00	
LP	LP1025-2	Malinmore	15	SD	2023	1200	5	6000	€30,000.00	
LS	LS5195-1	Derrylaghan rowards Cuskary	15	SD	2023	1100	3.5	3850	€19,250.00	Started
LS	LT11151	Derrylaghan rowards Cuskary g	15	SD	2023	700	3	2100	€10,500.00	Started
LP	LP1395-1	Calhame towards Gilbertstown	15	SD	2023	900	4.5	4050	€20,916.14	
						14200		56380	€278,563.00	
LP	L-2255-1	Ballintra Gables	16	RM	2023	630	5.00	3150	€15,750.00	
LP	L-2305-1	Rockhill	16	RM	2023	450	4.00	1800	€9,000.00	
LS	L-7745-1	Ardgillew	16	RM	2023	1100	3.30	3630	€18,150.00	
LS	L-7815-2	Lough Unshin	16	RM	2023	1400	4.00	5600	€28,000.00	
LP	L-2525-2	Moy Road (O'Mahony's to Tow	16	RM	2023	1000	5.50	5500	€27,500.00	
R	R-231-5	Rossnowlagh	16	RM	2023	1000	6.50	6500	€35,750.00	
LS	L-7475-1	Barr of Ballynacarrick	16	RM	2023	1700	3.50	5950	€32,725.00	
LP	L-2485-4	Cliff Road to Knader	16	RM	2023	1040	4.50	4680	€23,400.00	
LP	L-7835-1	Cliff Road to Corlea	16	RM	2023	300	5.00	1500	€7,500.00	
LS	L-7795-2	Corlea	16	RM	2023	300	5.00	1500	€7,500.00	
LS	L-7825-1	Corlea to Derrewkillev	16	RM	2023	1400	3.00	4200	€21,000.00	
	L-7675-2	Abbeylands to Cowpark	16	RM	2023	1000	4.00	4000	€22,850.00	
			16			11320		48010	€249,125.00	
LP	L 1935-1	Raily Park /Drumroske East	17	RM	2023	1100	5	5500	€27,500.00	
LP	L 1965-1	Harveys Point	17	RM	2023	1100	5.5	6050	€30,250.00	
LP	L 2025-1	St Ernans	17	RM	2023	1200	5	6000	€30,000.00	
LP	L 2185	Ballintooly /Rath	17	RM	2023	1200	5	6000	€30,000.00	
LT	L 21451-0	Carrick West	17	RM	2023	1100	3.5	3850	€19,250.00	Started
LT	L 20952-1	Ballykillowen	17	RM	2023	1100	3.5	3850	€19,250.00	
LS	L 7345-3	Kimmid Depot	17	RM	2023	1150	3.5	4025	€20,125.00	
LT	L 22652-0	Carn	17	RM	2023	2400	3.5	8400	€42,000.00	
R	R233	Lough Derg	17	RM	2023	1200	5	6000	€33,000.00	
R	R267	Abbots	17	RM	2023	740	7	5180	€29,758.00	
						12290		54855	€281,133.00	
									€1,030,078.00	

Donegal Municipal District

Agreed 2023 Road Improvement Programme

2023									
Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Year	Width	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (€)	Status
R	R262/3	Frosses - Meenagran	14	2023	6	820	4920	€180,000.00	
LP	LP2615/1	Main Street Mountcharles	14	2023	8	450	3600	€100,000.00	
LP	LP1515/3	Ardaghey - Ardara (Meenabradde	14	2022	5.5	740	4070	€113,000.00	
LP	LP1845/3	Ballydevitt - Altadoo	14	2023	6.5	650	4225	€118,000.00	Started
LP	LP1665/3	Rock Road Doorin	14	2023	3.75	700	2625	€73,000.00	
LP	LP1575/3	Killian N S - Drumnacarry	14	2023	3.5	450	1575	€44,000.00	
LP	LP1585/1	Drumnacarry - Ballymacahill	14	2023	3.5	450	1575	€44,000.00	
LP	LP1375/5	Leagans - Meenawullaghan	14	2022	3.5	1000	3500	€72,000.00	
LP	LP16251	McGranes Post Office (Patch)	14	2023	20	25	500	€16,500.00	
		Salthill - Mountcharles Leonards							
LS	LS6175/1/	Crossroads	14	2023	3.75	300	1125	€33,750.00	
LP	LP1815/1	Glencoagh	14	2023	5	300	1500	€71,280.00	
LS	LS975/1	Drumgorman	14	2023	3.75	550	2063	€39,160.00	
LS	LP1645/4	Doorin Line	14	2023	6	240	1440	€47,520.00	
						6675	32718	€952,210.00	
R	R263-14	Cashel hill	15	2023	6.7	700	4690	€150,000.00	
R	R263 - 4	Killybegs streets	15	2023	9.0	450	4000	€150,000.00	
LP	LP1345-2	Binroe	15	2023	3.5	700	2450	€78,000.00	
LP	L1365-1	Drumaghy	15	2023	11.0	200	2200	€60,000.00	
R	R230	Meenaneary to crove	15	2023	6.5	500	3250	€80,000.00	
LS	LS5295-1	Strabinna	15	2023	3.0	700	2100	€39,543.66	
R	R-263-11	Meenavaghan	15	2023	6.7	700	4690	€150,000.00	
LS	L-1175-1	Kilbeg (out of Kilcar)	15	2023	5.0	400	2000	€50,000.00	
LS	L1295-2	Balbane	15	2023	3.5	800	2800	€50,000.00	
LP	LP1025-3	Meenaveen	15	2023	5.0	350	1750	€70,000.00	
R	R263-17	Malinbeg towards silver strand	15	2023	4.0	500	2000	€65,000.00	
LS	LS5465-1	Straleeny - Aghayeevoge	15	2023	4.5	450	2025	€50,016.34	
						6450	33955	€992,560.00	
R	R 267	Bundoran Streets	16	2023	9.0	300	2700	€50,000.00	
LP	L-2315-1	Smugglers Creek Rossnowlagh	16	2023	5.0	300	1870	€50,000.00	
LS	L -7675-1	Coolmore to Spaddan	16	2023	4.0	1400	5600	€137,600.00	
LP	L-2525-3	Four Masters (Moy Road)	16	2023	6.0	230	1380	€34,500.00	
LP	L 75152	Alla-Lurgan	16	2023	3.2	1000	3200	€86,400.00	Started
LP	L 7985-1	Lisaholly North	16	2023	4.4	300	1320	€35,640.00	
LP	L 7275-1	Legnanornoge	16	2023	3.2	1700	5440	€151,286.00	Started
LP	L7115-2	Lacklom (Timoney House to Xroad	16	2023	4.0	300	1200	€32,400.00	Started
LS	L7815-1-2	Cashelard (Quarry)	16	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€94,500.00	
LP	L7875-3	Ballymunterhiggins - Ardloughill	16	2023	5.0	1000	5000	€85,000.00	Started
LP	L7515-2	Ardpatton - Alla	16	2023	3.75	1000	3750	€101,250.00	
LP	L2545-1	Ballymunterhiggins (Mangre RD)	16	2023	3	1000	3000	€51,000.00	Started
LP	L-2535-1	Ballymunterhiggin (Higginstown)	16	2023	5	500	2500	€87,847.00	
						10030	40460	€997,423.00	
R	R267	Donegal Streets	17	2023	7	500	3500	€112,000.00	
R	R232	Pettigo Road	17	2023	7	500	3500	€172,786.00	
LP	L1835-1	Greenan Lough Eske	17	2023	4.5	1000	4500	€78,354.00	Started
LS	L 8065-2	Crilly Lettercran Chapel	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€59,500.00	
LS	L6685-2	Meenadreen	17	2023	3.5	650	2275	€45,500.00	Started
LS	L6765-2	Drumcroagh continuation of last y	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00	Started
LP	L1835-3	Corracramp Rd to Tawnawully OI	17	2023	4	1000	4000	€128,000.00	
LS	L6785-2	Glackens to Ardnagasson	17	2023	3.5	700	2450	€49,000.00	Started
LS	L6505-1	New Line Barnes	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€70,000.00	
LP	L2125-3	Ranenney Barr Pj towards Willie M	17	2023	3.5	1000	3500	€59,500.00	Started
LT	L65052	Ardnawark Danny Dunnion	17	2023	3.5	750	2625	€52,500.00	
LS	L7365-2	Junction Lough Derg Rd to T juncti	17	2023	3.5	650	2275	€45,500.00	Started
LP	L1975-1	Corveen Depot Rd	17	2023	3.5	700	2450	€49,000.00	Started
LP	L1965-1	Friary Lough Eske	17	2023	3.5	700	2450	€49,000.00	Started
LP	L2055-1	Laghey (Urban)	17	2023	8	200	1600	€56,000.00	
						11350	45625	€1,096,640.00	
								€4,038,833.00	

Donegal Municipal District

County Budget	€1,351,680.00
Donegal MD %	€279,535.00

Area	% of Budget	Budget	Description of Works	Road No.	Estimated Cost	Area totals	Status
14	23.58%	€65,904.18	Inver Village: Pipe roadside Drain with 900mm S&S pipe for a distance of 60M	LP1565-1	€19,404.18	€65,904.18	Completed
			Killian: Bernard Boyles 40M of 750mm S&S pipes	LS5825-1	€10,000.00		Completed
			Altidoon: Pipe roadside drain to prevent Slippage (CIS O Driscolls) 60m	LP1845-3	€8,000.00		
			St Johns's Point: Ballycroy St Johns Point (Shovlins) pipe existing drain for 40m	LP1425-1	€10,000.00		Completed
			Inver (Port) at Kennedys 225mm new drainage pipe required along road edge - 80m	LP1565-1	€8,500.00		
			Newtown: Pipe roadside drain with 600mm S&S pipe to prevent slippage (20m)	LP6445-2	€10,000.00		
15	24.58%	€68,696.90	Muckross: pipe open darin + 1 nr road crossing (100m)	LP-1215-3	€16,000.00	€68,696.90	Completed
			Kilbeg: Pipe existing open drain (70m) to dealing with road slippage	LP-1175-1	€15,000.00		Completed
			Church road: pipe existing open drain + 1 nr road crossing + gullies (100m)	LP-1315-1	€17,696.90		
			Lergadaghtan: pipe esiting drain with a suitably sized pipe and install road gullies (50m)	LP-1065-1	€10,000.00		
			Aghragh: Pipe existing open drain to prevent slippage. 100m	LS-5165-1	€10,000.00		Completed
16	24.70%	€69,033.45	Lacklom (Road Flooding)	L-7115-2	€14,033.45	€69,033.45	Completed
			Derries Road (2 x Culverts)	L-2335-4	€20,000.00		
			Pipe Ditch (Rockhill) - (Road Pushing)	L-2305-1	€15,000.00		
			Smugglers Creek (Water on Road - Potholing)	L-2315-1	€10,000.00		
			Moy Road (Flooding) (Culvert Crossing)	L-2525-3	€10,000.00		
17	27.15%	€75,900.47	Cullionbuoy Road crossing repair road (McAnawes) ESB Outage Meenadreen	L 2095-6	€15,000.00	€75,900.47	
			Road crossing chamber repair road (Killymard)	L 1954-1	€15,000.00		
			Pipe Rd edge gulleys repair road (Drumrooske Flyover)	L 1935-1	€7,500.00		
			Replace 2no Rd crossings raise Rd level (Blue road Shannagh)	L 6965-1	€7,500.00		Completed
			Pipe Rd edge 50 mts gulleys repair road (Aghadowey)	L6915-2	€9,000.00		Completed
			Install overflow pipe to prevent Rd flooding	R232	€11,263.25		Completed
			Pipe Rd edge 50 mts gulleys repair road (Lough Derg Road - corner before sawmill)	R233	€10,637.22		
			TOTAL		€279,535.00		

Donegal MD public lighting infill works

Public Lighting Infill Works						
Area	Location	Description	Total Cost	Status	Total Spent	Remaining balance
14	Drimark, Donegal Town	Infill lighting - 7 additional lights at Drimark on Local	€10,871.00	Completed	€27,662.46	-€541.46
	Mountcharles	Lower End Mountcharles –	€6,750.00	Completed		
	Mill Park Hotel, Doonan	Proposed lighting from Doonan Roundabout to	€9,500.00	Completed		
15	Kilcar	Lighting improvement	€10,650.00	Completed	€11,181.57	€18,193.43
	Killybegs	Old Fintra Rd near Glenlee	€18,725.00	Yet to commence		
16	Ballyshannon	Rossnowlagh Link Road.	€30,000.00	Completed	€25,864.00	€4,136.00
17	Killymard, Donegal Town	Extend existing public lighting past the school and	€11,600.00	Completed	€26,025.48	€18,074.52
	Tirconnail Street & Castle Street, Donegal Town	Infill lighting needed along the public road at Tirconnail Street on local	€10,000.00	Yet to commence		
	Killymard, Donegal Town	Killymard Church to Drumrooske Housing	€22,500.00	Completed		
			Total amount		€90,733.51	€39,862.49

Donegal MD footpath repair works

RSS Area	Location	Year	Budget	Spent	Remaining Balance	% Complete
14	Mountcharles	2018	€5,729.00	€5,729.00	€0.00	100%
		2019	€16,600.00	€6,608.59	€9,991.41	40%
		2020	€24,350.00	€0.00	€24,350.00	0%
	Dunkineely	2020	€23,432.00	€9,650.34	€13,781.66	41%
	Frosses	2019	€16,600.00	€2,759.97	€13,840.03	17%
		2020	€23,432.00	€0.00	€23,432.00	0%
	Area 14	2022	€6,346.67	€0.00	€6,346.67	0%
	TOTALS		€116,489.67	€24,747.90	€91,741.77	21%

RSS Area	Location	Year	Budget	Spent	Remaining Balance	% Complete
15	Killybegs	2018	€15,568.00	€15,575.78	-€7.78	100%
		2019	€16,600.00	€16,600.00	€0.00	100%
		2020	€50,000.00	€49,271.55	€728.45	99%
	Kilcar	2020	€3,200.00	€0.00	€3,200.00	0%
	Glencolmcille	2019	€8,300.00	€0.00	€8,300.00	0%
		2020	€16,314.00	€0.00	€16,314.00	0%
	Carrick	2019	€8,300.00	€0.00	€8,300.00	0%
		2020	€1,700.00	€0.00	€1,700.00	0%
	Area 15	2022	€17,246.00	€0.00	€17,246.00	0%
	TOTALS		€137,228.00	€81,447.33	€55,780.67	59%

RSS Area	Location	Year	Budget	Spent	Remaining Balance	% Complete
16	Ballintra	2020	€11,214.00	€11,214.00	€0.00	100%
	Ballyshannon	2018	€95,244.00	€79,716.99	€15,527.01	84%
		2019	€16,600.00	€10,375.66	€6,224.34	63%
		2020	€35,000.00	€30,966.14	€4,033.86	88%
	Bundoran	2019	€16,600.00	€16,600.00	€0.00	100%
		2020	€25,000.00	€25,000.00	€0.00	100%
	Area 16	2022	€105,493.00	€0.00	€105,493.00	0%
	TOTALS		€305,151.00	€173,872.79	€131,278.21	57%

RSS Area	Location	Year	Budget	Spent	Remaining Balance	% Complete
17	Donegal Town	2018	€32,897.00	€21,522.68	€11,374.32	65%
		2019	€16,600.00	€17,500.00	-€900.00	105%
		2020	€47,214.00	€586.70	€46,627.30	1%
	Laghey	2019	€8,300.00	€0.00	€8,300.00	0%
		2020	€4,000.00	€0.00	€4,000.00	0%
	Bridgetown	2020	€20,000.00	€9,364.80	€10,635.20	47%
	Pettigo	2019	€8,300.00	€880.35	€7,419.65	11%
		2020	€10,000.00	€0.00	€10,000.00	0%
	Area 17	2022	€26,424.34	€0.00	€26,424.34	0%
	TOTALS		€173,735.34	€49,854.53	€123,880.81	29%

Donegal MD Active Travel Projects

Jan	Project Name	Project Description	Project Band	Current Phase	Phase 6 Construction Date planned	DCC Comments
DL/21/0002	Proposed Footpath between the Niall Moore National School & Foresters Hall carpark Killybegs	Construct a footpath leading from a drop off carpark to the main entrance of the Niall Moore National School	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q4 2021	Works completed - Final Close out report issued to NTA
DL/21/0008a	Ballyshannon, Bishop Street	Provision of footpath on (L-2465-1)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 3 - Preliminary Design	Q3 2024	TOBINS Consultant Engineers appointed , preliminary design ongoing, one-way system required,
DL/21/0008b	Donegal Town, Killybegs Road	Provision of infill section of footpath on the Killybegs Road (R925)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 4 - Planning and Stat Approvals	Q3 2024	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, NIS required, planning and CPO 2023
DL/21/0008b	Donegal Town, Lough Eske Road	Provision of infill section of footpath on the Lough Eske Road (L-1915-2)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	Q1 2024	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, detail design and land purchase ongoing
DL/21/0008c	Killybegs, Church Road	Construction of infill section of footpath, drainage and public lighting on Church Road (LP1315-1)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 6 - Construction	Q3 2022	Construction works ongoing,
DL/21/0008d	Kilcar	Proposed footpath extension to Kilcar National School (R263-8)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q4 2021	Works complete - Final Close out report to be issued to NTA
DL/21/0008e	Kilcar	Proposed footpath extension past local church to nearby car park (R263-8)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q3 2022	Works completed - final close out report required 2023
DL/21/0008f	Donegal Town, Old Golf Course Road	Design associated with the construction of an infill section of footpath on the Old Golf Course Road (L-2155-1) linking a large residential area to the school,town centre etc.	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	Q2 2024	TOBINS appointed, detail design and land purchase ongoing
DL/21/0008g	Bundoran	Construction of an infill section of footpath along the L-2575-1 to link the Crest of the Wave housing estate to the existing public footpath.	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q3 2022	Works completed - final close out report required 2023
DL/21/0009a	Glencolumbcille	Proposed footpath improvement works in Glencolumbcille (R263)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q2 2022	Works completed - final close out report required 2023
DL/21/0009b	Carrick	Proposed footpath improvement works in Carrick (R263 & L1125)	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q4 2021	Works completed - final close out report required 2023
DL/21/0023	Safe to Schools Programme - Scoil Aodh Rua & Nualla	Safe to Schools Programme	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 2 - Concept and Options	Q1 2023	Green Schools to undertake delivery plan in Q2 2023 to allow Prelim design to commence
DL/21/0024a	TOWNPARKS BALLYSHANNON PED CROSS	Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 6 - Construction	Q3 2021	Works ongoing.
DL/21/0024b	BUNDORAN TOWN PED CROSSING LIGHTS UPGRADE	Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q3 2021	Works completed - final close out report required 2023
DL/21/0024c	ROCK RD BALLYSHANNON, PED CROSSING	Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q3 2021	Works completed - final close out report required 2023
DL/21/0024d	COLLEGE ST BALLYSHANNON, PED CROSSING	Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q3 2021	Works completed - final close out report required 2023
DL/22/0001	Cycle Parking Donegal Town MD	Installation of bike parking facilities.	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 7 - Close Out and Review	Q2 2022	Works completed - final close out report required 2023
DL/22/0002	Donegal Town One Way system	It is proposed to introduce a One-Way System onto Tírchonailí Street, Castle Street, Water Street and New Row within Donegal Town. The scheme will provide crossing points, new wider footpaths, widening of existing footpaths, landscaped pedestrian refuge islands, traffic calming.	Band 2 <10mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	Q3 2023	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, detail design ongoing. Contractor to be appointed Q1 2023, site supervision required
DL/22/0005	Ballyshannon to Bundoran Active Travel Scheme	Old N15 (now R267) Bundoran to Ballyshannon Cycling Greyway	Band 2 <10mil	Phase 3 - Preliminary Design	Q1 2024	TOBINS Consultant Engineers appointed , preliminary design ongoing, Part 8 Planning 2023
DL/22/0006	Pettigo National School Footpath (R232)	Upgrade of existing substandard footpath including undermining of the existing footpath. There is a school located on one side and the local church is located on the town side. A solution in line with DMURS to include for the provision of a footpath and traffic calming would be beneficial to this section of road and also to the areas amenities.	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	Q2 2023	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, detail design & land acquisition ongoing. Construction 2023
DL/22/0003	Laghey Village (Old Laghey Road) Footpath	Infill section of footpath on the Old Laghey Road, Laghey including a footbridge across the river to link the Riverbank Avenue housing estate to the existing footpath leading to the nearby national school. Consultant appointment and inception report	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 2 - Concept and Options	Q4 2025	Options to be considered to deliver footpath link in 2023
DL/22/0014	Malinmore Footpath , Glencolumbcille	Glencolumbcille - provision of a footpath along the R263 West of Glencolumbcille in the direction of the Folk Village.	Band 1 < 0.5mil	Phase 5 - Detailed Design and Tender	Q4 2025	TOBINS Consultant Engineers, detail design ongoing.

2023 Specific improvement Grant					
MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	R232	Glenmore Bridge - Laghey Pettigo Road	Bridge widening works	€150,000	
	R263/L1195	Halls Junction - Kilcar	Junction improvement works	€300,000	

2023 Strategic improvement Grant Regional & Local Road

MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	R263	Fintra Bridge Road Realignment Works	Road Realignment Works	€2,000,000	

DMD Housing Estates					
Estimated cost of repair works to back lanes					
2023 Budget - €70,000.00 - (Yet to be confirmed)					

RSS Area	Estate name	Town	Works requested	Cost estimate (€)	Works costed (description of what is included in the price)	Priority list agreed at workshop on 09.01.23	Amount	Status
16	Cluain Barron	Ballyshannon	Upgrade drainage and surfacing on the back lane.	€94,300.00	Drainage of 0.5km of road, accommodations works (drainage) and surfacing DBM 14mm	1	€50,000.00	
14	Bay View Terrace	Mountcharles	Upgrade back lane	€20,000.00	Install drainage where required, adjust ironworks, Overlay existing road with AC14 macadam. Approximate area 500m2	2	€20,000.00	
Total							€70,000.00	

Donegal MD Community Involvement Schemes 2023

Project Number	RSS Area	Road Number	Road Name	Length of work (m)	Total Area of work	Overall Cost of work	% LC	LC	WIL	Budget	Status	
			To be agreed when funding is announced									
										€0.00		

Donegal MD

2023 LIS Priority List -

2023 Budget

To be agreed when funding is announced

DMD %

18.6715%

DMD Budget

										Total
RSS Area	Location	Percentage of budget	Budget	Priority	LIS No	PSCI Rating	Townland	Engineers cost estimate	Notes	Status
14	Ardaghey	44.73%	€0.00							
15	Killybegs	27.64%	€0.00							
16	Ballyshannon	9.82%	€0.00							
17	Laghey	17.82%	€0.00							
								Total	€0.00	
								Budget	€0.00	
								Balance	€0.00	

2023 Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Works

MD	Road Number	Location	Description	LA Allocation	Status
Donegal	R262	St Alberts Bridge Min Ui Chathain, Frosses to Glenties Road	Raise road level to mitigate against future flooding	€60,000	
	L-1125-1	Straleel North Carrick	Upsizing culvert to mitigate against future flooding.	€28,000	



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Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Donegal Municipal District Report April 2023

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1.1 Economic Development Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
Donegal MD	Ballyshannon Vision Project: The pilot initiative to support and empower the capacity of key stakeholders has now concluded and three specific focus project areas have emerged with group leaders and areas of work mapped out. The 'Town Teams' will be supported by the Business Concierge Service and other Council services as appropriate to develop their specific project areas with a total of 16 volunteers involved. A follow-up progress meeting was scheduled for February 2023.
Countywide	Property Solutions: The team is progressing 13 property solution opportunities across the county. These are queries relating to the purchase of council owned lands for Economic Development purposes. Killybegs Marine Cluster: Work with the Killybegs Marine Cluster is ongoing with a number of activities over the last number of months including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Killybegs Marine Cluster attendance at the Skipper Expo, Limerick in Feb-23.• Donegal Career Counsellors, Donegal ETB and BIM visited Killybegs Marine Ecosystem on Tuesday 21st March• The Killybegs Marine Cluster exhibit at the Scottish Skipper Expo, on May 12th & 13th• Minister Dara Calleary visited Killybegs in Feb-23, Minister Simon Coveney visited & discussed Killybegs and ORE industry in Mar-23 and Leo Clancy, Enterprise Ireland visited in Jan-23.• Northwest Regional Enterprise Plan Cluster event held in Killybegs in Mar-23. Caravan, Camping and Campervan Study: DCC are continuing to implement the recommendations of the study and work with the Internal and External Steering groups on renewed actions in 2023 to include promotion of the Code of conduct, increasing marketing and provision of information of the sector and completing the Grant scheme as developed in 2022.

Relocation Marketing Campaign: A relocation marketing campaign to attract talent nationally and from overseas continues to roll out, supported by two showreel videos and testimonials from those who have relocated, to encourage people to #MoveToDonegal. So far it has reached over 3 million across all social media platforms and received over 50 relocation enquiries.

InvestDonegal Communications Update: Latest key stats for the InvestDonegal LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and web accounts are as follows;

	Impressions (last 28 days)	Total Followers
Linked In	12,962	4,661 (+180)
Twitter	14,200	2,830 (+34)
Instagram	1,953	3,819 (+101)
Facebook	9,451	1,898 (+65)
Donegal.ie	12K Web Users (4 weeks 28 Feb – 27 March)	

7 News Items Published

Shared Island: Work on a number of potential Shared Island projects is progressing The Economic Development Unit is leading out on four projects for which initial scoping is now complete and all are currently at tender stage

- **North West RegTech Initiative** *is a proposal to develop an all-island national institute in Regulatory Technology in the North West with partners DCSDC, Catalyst and ATU. The Request for Tender to procure a ‘Scoping/Feasibility Study and Business Case/Economic Appraisal’ is ongoing.*
- **Innovation Plaza** *to develop cross-border enterprise opportunities is progressing. DCC is leading the project with project partners FODC. Procurement of ‘Scoping/Feasibility Study and Business Case/Economic Appraisal’ is ongoing.*
- **Regenerative Tourism** *involving engagement with the region’s place, past and people, seeking to attract high-yield environmentally conscious visitors. DCC is leading the project with project partners*

FODC. The Request for Tender to procure a multi-disciplinary team to undertake a comprehensive Feasibility Study that will include research, option appraisal and development, identification of capital investment, an economic appraisal, business case as well as a marketing and stakeholder engagement plan, is ongoing.

- **Slí Cholmille Project** is a proposed 250 km pilgrimage route linking key Colmille related sites across Donegal and Derry, with the ambition to link across NI to Scotland. DCC is leading feasibility assessment with partners DCSDC and Slí Cholmille CLG. A Request for Tender to procure a 'Scoping Study, Business Case/Economic Appraisal and Design Toolkit' is ongoing. The tender scope also includes four small animation pilots, marketing plan, branding guidelines and phased funding plan.

North West City Region: Donegal County Council continue to work in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council on a number of key projects for supporting and stimulating Inward Investment in the region.

- **Inward Investment Strategy:** draft pitch propositions focusing on key investment sectors have been completed. Both Councils are also finalising new branding for the region and an associated marketing strategy on how best to utilise the new marketing collateral to promote inward investment.
- **Talent Solutions:** Both Councils are currently working with Abodoo to implement a renewed communications plan with a view to developing a final report that will highlight and map the skills and talents within the region. This work will complement that of the Inward Investment Strategy.
- **Communications:** The EDU continue to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region for investment and business opportunities including via LinkedIn and Twitter platforms. This work will tie into the Inward Investment Strategy in the coming year, with a current focus on the Talent Solutions survey. Both Councils are working as part of the proposition development for future events.

You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms :
@NorthWestCityRegionIreland

	<p>Atlantic Economic Corridor: The Donegal County Council is working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives around economic development.</p> <p>The various Councils are currently working with the WDC to explore an AEC Strategy for the seaboard counties that will promote economic development and investment.</p> <p>Concierge Service: The EDU are available to support existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand and who need advice on accessing a wide range of Council services and supports including broadband connectivity. Please contact the EDU by email economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Rosita Mahony – rosita.mahony@donegalcoco.ie (087) 2510128</p> <p>Joy Browne - joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie (087) 0619360</p>

1.2 Tourism Marketing Unit

Project / Activity Report

Donegal MD	<p>Bundoran Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to activate marketing plan 2023. • St Patrick’s Day marketing activity – promotion of www.discoverbundoran.com/stpatricksday as the main hub for information around the holiday weekend. • Promotion of Easter content via www.discoverbundoran.com/easter as the main hub for information around the Easter weekend. • Organisation and promotion of St Patrick’s Day parade. • Live broadcast of St Patrick’s Day parade on Discover Bundoran Facebook page attracting viewers from across the globe. • Updating blogs and content on website. • Ongoing weekly podcast production delivered every Friday. • Compilation and distribution of monthly email newsletter. <p>Bundoran Tourist Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourist Office open 3 days a week (Fri-Sun)
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- Currently one TÚS employee working.

Website and Social Media

- Maintaining a social media presence for the town on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Scheduling of content to direct social media users to the website to increase traffic.
- Creation of website content and updating of event/music listings.
- Users of discoverbundoran.com up 61.2% Jan 1st – Feb 28th v 2022, Page views up 79.7% on same period & Sessions up 72.9% on same period.
- Website users and page views:
2022 (Jan-Feb) – Users 13,119 – Page Views 24,480

2023 (Jan-Feb) - Users 21,048 - Page Views 43,998
- The webcam remains constantly the most viewed page on the website on a monthly basis.

Waterworld

- Marketing plan activated for 2023 season. Waterworld to open on Monday April 3rd. Airtime, ad space and social media ads secured and booked.

Other

- Working with DCC team on Bundoran Oceanside project/Public Toilets.
- Welcomed 21 people from 3 of Bundoran’s Douzelage partner towns for St Patrick’s weekend.
- Successful staging of Bundoran 10 running event – March 3rd and 4th.
- Working on Destination Town project elements with Paul Doherty Architects and Bundoran Town Team.

Countywide

Online & social media updates – Go Visit Donegal

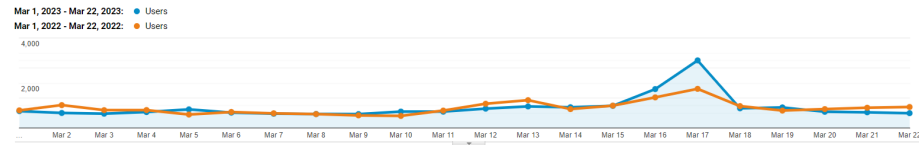
GoVisitDonegal.com Website

Year to Date Stats - 1st January - 22nd March 2023

	YTD 2022	YTD 2023	Change
Page Views	44,916	135,435	Up 201.5% (!)
Users	18,038	50,672	Up 181% (!)

Website traffic in the month of March (1st – 22nd) was slightly up vs the same period in 2022

Page views: 46,078 (up 2.6%) / Users: 18,355 (up 1.8%)



Website views by country: (Traffic came from 94 countries in total)

Top 10 Countries (1st- 22th March 2023):

Country	Users	% Users
1. Ireland	8,387	45.28%
2. United Kingdom	6,135	33.12%
3. United States	2,000	10.80%
4. Canada	208	1.12%
5. Australia	204	1.10%
6. Germany	193	1.04%
7. France	152	0.82%
8. South Korea	125	0.67%
9. (not set)	123	0.66%
10. China	117	0.63%

Marketing Updates

Donegal Tourism Seminar 2023

- The Donegal Tourism Seminar took place on Thursday, 30th March in the Mount Errigal Hotel from 9am-2pm with over 100 people attending.
- Speakers included Chef Brian McDermott, Karoline Sweeney, Castlegrove House, David Fisher, Oakfield Park and Niamh Hamill, Study Abroad and Elaine McInaw from Donegal Tourism CLG. It also included keynote speeches from Eoghan O'Mara Walsh from ITIC, Geraldine Ann Cusack, Failte Ireland and Justin Reid from TripAdvisor

Advertising Campaign with Donegal Airport

- Go Visit Donegal advertising is now published on the donegalairport.ie website

- Posters have been produced and will go on display in the coming weeks.



Online marketing

- Ongoing work managing social media profiles including: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn.
- Management of festivals & events and updates of content submitted by festival providers.

Regular maintenance and management of the govisitdonegal.com website and the tourism hub.

Derry and Donegal Marketing Campaign

The Best of the Northwest will be showcased widely over the coming weeks as part of a tourism campaign launched today by Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council, working in partnership with Visit Derry & Donegal Tourism CLG.

The £30,000 domestic marketing initiative will shine a light on all the Northwest has to offer, aimed at encouraging local people and visitors across the Island of Ireland to book a staycation. This campaign is funded through the Northwest Development Fund, in conjunction with The Executive Office and the Irish Government.

Meitheal

Ten Donegal tourism providers attended the hugely successful 'Meitheal' in Killarney along with the tourism team to promote Donegal and win business for the county.

Meitheal is a face-to-face workshop that gives the Irish tourism industry and overseas tourism buyers from over 20 different countries the opportunity to meet and do business. Representatives from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, Great Britain and USA were in attendance along with 450 Irish businesses and 230 international buyers.

The Tourism Unit had the opportunity to meet with the wider Fáilte Ireland team, Tourism Ireland representatives from Germany, France, UK, USA and many international buyers.

Tourism Development

Laurentic Forum – Donegal Tourism continues to attend monthly meeting in relation to exploring mutual opportunities.

Facilities Centres for Water-based Activities- Donegal Tourism are sitting on a steering group meetings in relation to Tullan Strand Bundoran and Downings.

Age Friendly Beach Nairn – Donegal Tourism will now sit on a strategic working group to secure the first Age-Friendly beach in Ireland for Nairn.

TIDE Project: The final output of the project is now underway with the procurement of models of the ship Saldanha. The final conference of the Tide Project will take place, over two days, in Sligo in May.

Tourism Ireland Event in Glasgow: Donegal Tourism attended a family friendly event organised by Tourism Ireland to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Glasgow on the 11th March, alongside Visit Derry, Donegal Airport and Logain Air.

Regional Festivals and Participative Events 2023:

The application process for the Regional Festivals & Participative Events Programme for 2023 is closed as of March 16th.

38 applications were received and are currently being evaluated for funding.

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme:

	2022 scheme underway with drawdown date of June 30th, 2023. The 2023 scheme is in the process of being finalised and will be announced in the coming weeks.
Contact Person	Sarah Nolan Acting Head of Tourism sarahnolan@donegalcoco.ie 087 2691977

1.3 1.3 Trail Gazers Bid Project

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Trail Gazers Bid Project
Activity / Project Description	‘To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure ‘
Budget	€2.6 M
Progress to date within quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>In 2018, Donegal County Councils Research & Policy Unit successfully led an application to the Atlantic Area Programme under objective 4.2 ‘Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development’.</p> <p>This transnational project is managed by the Research & Policy Unit (Lead Partner), working with 9 different partners located across Ireland, UK, France, Spain and Portugal.</p> <p>The project sets out to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantify the impact of key strategic investments in walks and recreational trail infrastructure can have on stimulating rural communities, using sensors data, counters, surveys of users, businesses, communities etc. • Develop and trial a range of practical initiatives and interventions such as business to consumer initiatives, digital marketing tools etc to enhance the return.

- Work with communities, businesses and other key stakeholders in the area to develop community plans and initiatives around the site.
- Develop a range of community trail ambassadors to champion the sites as catalysts for the development of rural economies.
- Our site for research purposes is Inch Levels and post project completion it is likely that key learning and methodology can be applied to other sites in the county and region through an extensive capitalisation programme.

SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

Website: www.trailgazers.eu

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TrailgazersB

Twitter: twitter.com/hashtag/TrailGazers

Instagram: www.instagram.com/trail.gazers

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/trailgazers>

#TrailGazers

PROGRESS

- Work has commenced on Trail Gazers final project reporting and claim (project end date for administration purposes 31st March 2023).
- Trail Gazers is delighted to have been successful with a Slaintecare Application (end of December) in order to carry out some of the recommendations raised following our accessibility audit. Procurement will commence shortly to address some of the issues raised.



- Trail Gazers Toolkit – The Legacy has now been completed and will be available on our website for any groups or organisations to use in relation to their trails. This toolkit can be adapted to inform policy makers with a framework that identifies the required levels of investment, programming and management required to assist trails to become more economically and socially driven, thus increasing and attracting more visitors to trails.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is continuing on Trial Gazers final project reporting and claim (project end date for administration purposes 31st March 2023). • Trail Gazers has now carried out all the works which were covered under the Slaintecare Application. These works were some of the recommendations raised following our accessibility audit. • Trail Gazers team would like to thank all the members and staff of Donegal County Council and the general public for their support of the project over the past 3 years. The following is the link to the Toolkit on our website, which may be easier to share: https://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/yourcouncil/pdfs/DonegalCo_Co_TrialGazersBooklet.pdf
Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final project claim and reports.
Contact Person	Mary McBride marymcbride@donegalcoco.ie

1.4 Strategic Funding Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024
Countywide	<p>PEACE Plus</p> <p>The SFU representative has attended a number of PEACE Plus workshops hosted by SEUPB in Dungannon. The SFU is organising a workshop on Monday 17th April in Letterkenny PSC, open to all staff, during which the various Investment Areas under the 6 themes within the PEACE Plus programme will be presented.</p> <p>EU50 Event – Europe Day 2023</p> <p>The SFU working in collaboration with Europe Direct and the Library Service has been successful in securing funding under the Department of Foreign Affairs EU50 funding opportunity. This funding is available for</p>

	<p>Local Authorities to host events marking Ireland’s 50th Anniversary of joining the EU. An event is now being planned for 9th May 2023, which is Europe Day. This event will take place in person and the venue will be confirmed soon, likely to be Letterkenny.</p> <p>YOUTHopia- Generating Perspectives for Cohesion</p> <p>The YOUTHopia project main youth focused event has been confirmed for the 27th April at Oakfield Park, Raphoe. This event will showcase the opportunities in the North West and Europe for young people including skills and education, employment and entrepreneurship. Donegal County Council is working closely with Donegal Youth Council and the North West Tertiary Education Cluster on this event. The YOUTHopia project will also include a 4-day training workshop in June 2023 where young people can participate in a training programme in media and communication skills. Registration will be available the week commencing 27th March on www.donegal.ie/youthopia</p> <p>FLAG Board</p> <p>The SFU continues represent the Council on the FLAG Board. The call for the Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Scheme is open until August 2023 and projects must be delivered by the end of the year.</p> <p>Project Partnership & Development</p> <p>The SFU is exploring a number of project opportunities under the Atlantic Area Programme and is liaising with Council staff and other potential partners on project concepts related to air quality, green infrastructure, fishing sector ecosystem innovation and tourism.</p> <p>Other areas of work include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Funding Programme Reviews • Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners • Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc. • Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions • Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters
<p>Donegal MD</p>	<p>Donegal Diamond – Outdoor Public Space Scheme</p> <p>A company called Base Structures has been appointed to deliver the tensile canopy design for Donegal Diamond. The civil works</p>

	<p>procurement is now live on e-tenders with a deadline of 14th April. An assessment panel will meet the w/c 17th April to assess tenders received. It will be necessary to seek approval and an extension of the deadline for completion from the Department. With approval from the Department, works are to commence in September 2023 to be completed by November 2023. A workshop with members will be arranged as soon as procurement is finished.</p> <p>Donegal Town Pier and Diamond Masterplan</p> <p>The Masterplan for both the Pier and the Diamond is well developed. Further consultation will take place once work on the Diamond is completed. The SFU is liaising with the RRDF team on the development of a potential category II application, which would cover element such as feasibility studies, planning, foreshore licensing, detailed design etc.</p> <p>Fáilte Ireland Local Authority Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme – Bundoran Oceanside</p> <p>The refurbishment of the public toilets is complete. Bundoran lettering is in production and will be installed at the promenade on the main beach in March 2023, awaiting confirmation from the supplier. The tender process for the dining facility is ongoing. The aim is to complete the project by end June 2023.</p> <p>Minor Tourism Related Grant Scheme Application</p> <p>The Strategic Funding Unit has been successful in applying to the Minor Tourism Related Grants Scheme to refurbish the promenade at the Thrupenny Pool in Bundoran. Capital works procurement is underway.</p>
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1.5 Donegal Diaspora Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Donegal Diaspora Unit
Countywide	<p data-bbox="459 422 743 457">Relocation Campaign</p> <p data-bbox="459 493 1380 793">The Diaspora Officer supported the ongoing #MoveToDonegal Relocation Campaign. Two videos were issued ‘Donegal is Calling’ and ‘Search Complete’, along with 7 relocater stories published on Donegal.ie. A social media campaign is underway targeting potential relocators all around the world to showcase what Donegal has to offer and to promote #MoveToDonegal. This campaign is expected to run until May 2023.</p> <p data-bbox="459 829 971 865">Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2023</p> <p data-bbox="459 900 1401 1024">A date of 16th September 2023 has been agreed upon with procurement of the venue now underway. The first Tip O’Neill Committee Meeting of 2023 took place recently sharing plans to progress in 2023.</p> <p data-bbox="459 1060 854 1096">Donegal Connect 2023 / 2024</p> <p data-bbox="459 1131 1401 1299">Plans for 2023 have commenced and dates are hoped to be agreed upon, in conjunction with the Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards, over the coming weeks. A funding application for the Global Irish Festival Series 2024 is being prepared for submission in Q2 2023.</p> <p data-bbox="459 1335 1011 1371">Donegal Diaspora Website / Social Media</p> <p data-bbox="459 1407 1282 1488">A communications plan on the use of the Diaspora website and associated social media channels is currently taking place.</p> <p data-bbox="459 1524 1295 1606">Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 24/02/2023 are as follows:</p> <p data-bbox="459 1642 941 1677">LinkedIn – 1,169 (up 12) connections</p> <p data-bbox="459 1713 889 1749">Twitter – 4,036 (up 19) followers</p> <p data-bbox="459 1785 919 1820">Facebook – 5,577 (up 42) followers</p>

	<p>Instagram – 285 (up 9) followers</p> <p>Scottish Diaspora</p> <p>A follow-up meeting with the Scottish Donegal Diaspora group and Packie Bonner will take place on April 6th to examine promotion of work in Scotland and building on existing contacts there. A presentation of recent work being undertaken by Economic Development will be showcased to the group.</p>
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2. Division: Local Enterprise Office

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
Role and Remit	<p>The Local Enterprise Offices is positioned nationally as the “<i>First Stop Shop</i>” for anyone seeking information and support on starting or growing a business in Ireland. The Local Enterprise Office Donegal provides advice, information and support to those starting up or growing their business in Donegal. Grant is potentially available for businesses that meet the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Further information available here - localenterprise.ie/donegal Contact number: 074-9160735</p>

Outline of Work	<p>General Overview – Highlights:</p> <p><u>Summary of March 2023 Outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Aid – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 17 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid. ○ Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €157,632 ○ Next EVAC meeting will take place on 27th April, 2023
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- Trading Online Vouchers – 12 Businesses approved support to a value of €25,768.
- Mentoring YTD (Year To Date) – 46 Businesses have received this support
- Training – 572 Business Attendees at 35 Events YTD.
- Student Enterprise Programme – The County final took place on 8th March, 2023, during Enterprise Week – see below for further detail.
- The 2023 Enterprise Week took place on 6th to 10th March, 2023, with 23 events taking place in Donegal. The LEO hosted 6 of these events attracting an attendance of 369
- The Student Enterprise programme <<<<INSERT Detail

Upcoming Programmes:

Scale-X Accelerator

Scale-X Accelerator is an 11-week Accelerator Programme which is targeted at start-up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast growth. The programme focuses on giving a deep understanding of the metrics that can drive success, the skills to build financial models that stand up to investor scrutiny, and industry engagement and mentorship that give valuable insights to adapt a company's business model to create the perfect fit. The programme is FREE.

The closing date for applications was the 27th March 2023 and the businesses chosen to participate in the programme will be selected shortly.

The Programme commences on 19th April, 2023.

National Enterprise Awards

Silver Strand Rope Works Ltd, based in Merville, has been chosen to represent Donegal at the National Enterprise Awards, to be held in the Mansion House in Dublin on 1st June, 2023.

The company's application to the national competition was submitted in March and the national adjudication takes place on 26th & 27th April, 2023, in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

Ongoing Programmes:

Digital Start

YTD – 16 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

The objective of the pilot of Digital Start is to help businesses prepare and implement a plan for the adoption of digital tools and techniques across the business.

Digital Start provides strategic intervention for businesses to work for FREE with third party consultants worth up to €4,500 to:

- assist them identify where they are on their digital business journey,
- develop a digital adaptation plan based on their identified need,
- implement their digital adaptation plan.

Green for Micro

YTD – 3 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

This is a FREE programme that helps small businesses take the first step towards becoming more sustainable, giving them access to a green consultant worth up to €2,500 who will show them small changes that can have a big impact on their company.

Lean For Micro

YTD – 1 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

LEAN provides strategic intervention for businesses to work with third party consultants worth up to €4,500 (Client contribution €200). It is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness. Lean is for all companies, regardless of sector – it is not just for manufacturing companies.

Ongoing Programmes:

Student Enterprise Program

A total of 61 students from 10 schools entered the Student Enterprise Programme's Donegal County Final on the 8th March 2022. In total there were 27 stands on the day, each showcasing their fantastic mini companies.

The standard of business plans submitted for the competition was exceptionally high which made it difficult for the judges to decide their winners in each category.

The judges on the day were Nicola Mc Laughlin of The Sequin Cinderella in Buncrana, Shannon Porter of The Milk Bar in Carrigans and Marty O'Reilly of O'Reilly Sports in Ballybofey. There were a number of prizes on the day to recognise the students efforts and each student that participated was given a personal certificate of completion along with a LEO pen and a bobble hat sponsored by one of the judges, Marty O' Reilly, of O'Reillys Sports.

Winners of the County Final 2023, who will go on to compete at the national final in the Croke Park Hotel, Dublin, on Friday 5th May are as follows:

- Local Lino Art of Errigal College, Letterkenny (Senior Category)
- Resin & Co of St Columba's College, Stranorlar (Intermediate Category),
- Aoife's Rings and Things of Carndonagh Community School (Junior Category) and
- Green Airways of Rosses Community School (My Entrepreneurial Journey category)

Food Coast Donegal

The Food Coast Donegal is an initiative facilitated by the LEO to support, celebrate and grow the Donegal Food Sector.

- 40 certified members.

- Just under 200 network members.

Current activities:

- 10 Donegal food and drink producers travelled to St Joseph's University in Philadelphia in February for a week long programme in Food Marketing where they had the opportunity to attend executive lectures and field trips.
- The Food Coast Strategy Review is close to completion and should be finalised over the coming months.
- Donegal lamb promotion project is underway with a social media release date in the coming months.
- ATU Higher Diploma in Food Business & Product Innovation Level 8 programme- LEO Donegal and Food Coast Donegal has sponsored three food businesses from the county to partake and feedback from the first few weeks is positive.
- Food starter programme was successfully delivered in March. Donegal lead out for the region and feedback was excellent.
- National Food Academy Steering Committee - this year is the 10th anniversary of the programme so please keep your eye out for Donegal producers on your local Super Valu shelves.
- Meet the producer event will be hosted in the coming months and planning is ongoing.

Creative Coast Donegal

Creative Coast Donegal's aim is to support the building of a strong creative and digital economy in Donegal with businesses that are robust, confident, financially viable, and collaboration-friendly, all impacting positively on the local economy in terms of job creation, as well as being pro-active and competitive on an international stage.

There are currently 204 members of the Creative Coast Donegal network. These members are creative business owners throughout Donegal from various sectors within the Creative industry.

The LEO Donegal and external consultants are developing a 3-year action plan for the creative industry in Donegal and expect to have it finalised in late Spring 2023.

Donegal Engineering Network

The ambition of the ***Donegal Engineering Network*** is to expand, strengthen and enhance the existing engineering group in Donegal by:

- Facilitating inter-firm knowledge sharing and enhance learning.
- Increasing market knowledge within the Network.
- Identifying new opportunities for the sector in the county through co-operation and collaboration among partners.
- Enhancing the skills and innovation capabilities of the engineering firms through training, peer learning and management development.
- Enhancing the attractiveness of the sector as a potential source for future employment opportunities and business start-ups.
- Developing collaborative opportunities into meaningful outcomes and outputs for members.
- Promoting the Network as a centre of engineering excellence both nationally and internationally.

A range of Good Practice visits, Exhibition Visits and collaborations with other cluster/network facilitators on reciprocal events are being scheduled.

Upcoming Activities:

- 4 week Start Your Own Business Programme – Online – 2nd May, 2023
- Trading Online Voucher Workshop – 12th April, 2023
- Business Information Sessions – 21st April (On-Line) & 28th April, 2023. (In-Person in LEO Office, Ballyraine, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal)

All bookings can be made here:

	https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/ <i>Donegal Stories:</i> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. https://donegalstories.ie/
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3. Division: Emergency Services – Fire Service

Project / Activity Report

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (February)

Activity	Number of: (February)*		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	50		107	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	62		125	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	7		14	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown February 2023</u>	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	39	22	27	17

Northern Ireland Fire Service	5	2	4	2
Sub Total	44	24	31	19
Total	68		50	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	7	23		
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	35	N/A		
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	61	N/A		
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	24	36		
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	6	6		
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	0		
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	0	1		
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	11	26		
Fire Safety Complaints received:	2	4		
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	2	6		
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0		
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	0		

* Current data only available up to end of February 2023.



ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – April '23

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

**Activity /
Project Title**

2023 Launch Big Donegal Clean-Up campaign

**Project
Description/A
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The launch of the 2023 Big Donegal Clean-Up campaign took place at Fintra Blue Flag Beach where Cllr Micheál Naughton, Leas-Chathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, joined Cllr Niamh Kennedy Cathaoirleach of the Donegal Municipal District, Cllr Noel Jordan, Cllr Tom Conaghan and Patricia Murrin & Barry O’Hara, John Darch, Killybegs Tidy Towns, local volunteer Peter Connaughton along with Seamus Hopkins, Donegal County Council, Environment staff from Donegal County Council and Eamonn Bonner from the Donegal Volunteer Centre to officially launch the annual campaign.

The annual Big Donegal Clean-up is part of Donegal County Council's commitment to sustainability and environmental protection. It is an opportunity for communities to come together and take a proactive approach to improving the environment that we all live in. Having seen continued success over the last number of years the Big Donegal Clean-up returns for 2023 with hopes of being bigger than ever.

Speaking at the launch, the Leas-Chathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr Micheál Naughton, said: "I'm delighted to be launching this year's Big Donegal Clean-up campaign. We all have a responsibility to protect and preserve the environment and this annual campaign gives communities across the county the chance to do just that. It is inspiring to see local volunteers like John and Stephanie Darch take such pride in their area. John and Stephanie do a daily clean-up of Fintra beach and have been doing so over the past five years collecting over one thousand bags of litter in that time! They have shown a remarkable and inspiring commitment to caring for their local environment. I encourage everyone to get involved and make Donegal a cleaner and more sustainable place to live."

With over 50 registrations from Donegal already in for the An Taisce National Spring Clean, Donegal County Council looks forward to working with volunteers and community groups to make this year's campaign a success.

Michael McGarvey, Director of Service Donegal County Council, said: "It's great to have the Big Donegal Clean-Up back again for 2023, as we hope this year to be as successful as years past. With a number of clean-ups already undertaken we are once again seeing the ongoing determination from the people of Donegal to keep their county clean. Having supported over 800 clean-ups throughout 2022, the council are hoping to grow those numbers in 2023 and the Council thanks the 5,000 volunteers that make this happen each year."

The Donegal Volunteer Centre have once again joined the campaign and will publicise details of planned clean-ups on the website www.volunteerdonegal.ie. This is a great help to communities looking to promote their campaigns or take on extra volunteers. John Curran from Donegal Volunteer Centre stated that "Community Clean-ups are a great example of volunteers giving time for the greater good. They help communities shine and be at their best. We in the volunteer centre are delighted to support the groups across Donegal and to introduce new volunteers to the team".

Get involved

This campaign sees the Council supporting individuals, groups, businesses and organisations in arranging their own clean-ups. The Council provides bags, gloves and litter pickers while also taking care of the collection of rubbish once it has been bagged.

The Council is also planning to promote clean-ups on its social media pages. You can share your photos via the following sites:

1. Twitter @DonegalCouncil
2. Facebook @donegalcoco

To sign up for this year's Big Donegal Clean-Up call 074 91 53900, call to your local Council office or visit www.donegalcoco.ie. You can also register with An Taisce's National Spring Clean campaign by calling (01) 4002219 or online at www.nationalspringclean.org, the following is a sample of groups and schools that have planned clean-ups over the coming weeks;

- Brackey National School – 30/03/2023
- Carrowmenagh Community Clean-Up – 01/04/2023
- Culdaff Tidy Towns – 01/04/2023
- Clonmany Tidy Towns – 07/04/2023
- Creevy Community Group – 10/04/2023
- Buncrana Tidy Towns Initiative – 15/04/2023
- Rathdonnell Trentagh Community Clean Up – 15/04/2023
- Errigal College – 18/04/2023
- Dunkineely Community Group – 22/04/2023
- Scoil Cholmcille, Kerrykeel – 25/04/2023
- Backshore spring clean, Maramelan – 30/04/2023

**Contact
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WEEE Collection Days

Activity /
Project Title

Project
Description/
Activity

WEEE Ireland will be holding 4 FREE WEEE collections days in Donegal during April. All electrical goods or battery-operated goods (anything with a plug or a battery) can be brought to the special collection days listed below. These dates will be widely advertised in the coming weeks. The more tonnage of electricals collected the better!



FREE ELECTRICAL RECYCLING DAYS
Tues 4th April 10am-4pm Thurs 6th April 10am - 4pm

FALCARRAGH & CARRIGART
Dennis McCallions Yard (opposite Cassidy's Quarry), Fanmore, Falcarragh, Co. Donegal Carrigart Church Car Park, Umlagh, Carrigart, Co. Donegal

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FREE ELECTRICAL RECYCLING DAYS
Tues 11th April 10am-4pm Thurs 13th April 10am - 4pm

BUNCRANA & KILLYBEGS
Nailor's Row, Cockhill Road Car Park, Bunrana, Co. Donegal Shore Road Car Park, Killybegs, Co. Donegal

In Partnership With
 Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

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**Activity /
Project Title**

Tourism Seminar – Promoting the MyWaste Business Assets


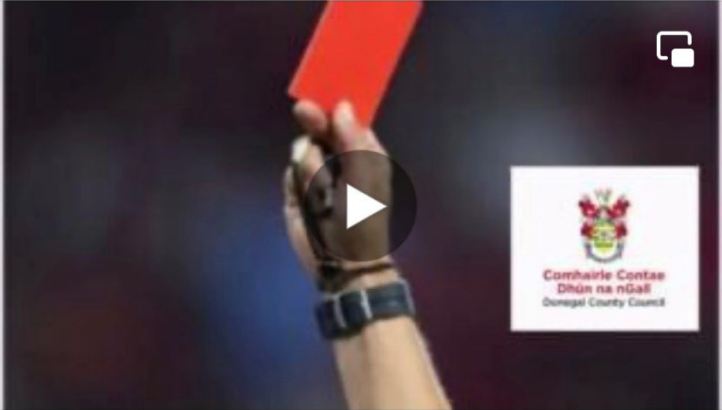
**Project
Description/
Activity**



At the Tourism seminar on the 30th March in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny the Environment Section had an information stand showcasing the MyWaste Business resources on waste segregation.

**Contact
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Activity / Project Title	<p align="center">Dog Fouling Awareness Video</p>
Project Description/ Activity	<p>A new dog fouling awareness video was produced by the Environment Section for the Councils Social media platforms, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube Channel.</p> <div data-bbox="571 331 1291 982" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Donegal County Council</p> <p>16 h · 🌐</p> </div> ⋮ </div> <p>Attention all dog owners. Please be a responsible owner and pick up after your furry friend. Let's keep our communities clean and safe f... See more</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> </div>
Contact Person	<p>John McCandless JMCCANDLESS@DONEGALCOCO.IE</p>



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Municipal District of Donegal

05th April 2023

1. Town & Village Renewal – Donegal MD
 - Donegal Town
 - Glencolmcille
 - Carrick
 - Bruckless
2. Clár 2022 - Donegal MD
 - Termon Complex Pettigo
 - Leitir Corn Mill River Walk, Kilcar
3. Playground Maintenance
4. Walks & Trails
5. Sliabh Liag Development Project
6. Leader/RDP Programme Update
7. Community Funding Opportunities



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Donegal County Council

Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update: April 2023

Activity / Project Title	2018 T&V Renewal – Donegal Town
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provision of a footpath2. Provision of lining trail markings / App3. Installation of interpretative panels / signage
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 25,000 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A number of meetings have been held with Donegal Chamber of Commerce to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.• Design of the proposed footpath is currently been progressed and will be tendered in Q1 of 2021.• Designs and procurements are underway for the other elements of the project.• Tender assessment complete, successful contractor to be appointed.• Following further consideration, it is now proposed that footpath proposal at this time be deferred pending future development of adjacent lands
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing engagement with the Department in relation to the overall project and how it can be progressed
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update: April 2023

Activity / Project Title	2019 T&V Renewal – Glencolmcille
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of a Town Plan• Upgrade existing footpaths• Provision of directional and interpretative signage• Provision of a bus shelter
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 25,000 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.• Designs of the proposed works are currently underway and will be presented to the community group.• The group have procured an architect/designer to progress the design and to prepare tender documents for a number of elements of the scheme.• Works designed and currently out to tender.• Tender evaluation report complete, and successful contractor identified.• Site meeting with successful contractor.• Construction has commenced on site.• Construction work is substantially complete.• There are a few outstanding snags to be addressed.• The snags have been addressed and work is complete.• All signage has been ordered and installed by the group.• Works are substantially complete
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are snags to be closed out in the coming months
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Activity / Project Update: April 2023

Activity / Project Title	2020 T&V Renewal – Carrick
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reinststate the pedestrian bridge crossing the Glen River• Commission and prepare a Town Health Check• Commission and prepare a Regeneration Strategy to inform the sustainable development of the town and immediate surrounding area
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 11,111 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned.• Designs of the proposed pedestrian bridge works are complete.• The group are have procured and appointed a contractor to complete the pedestrian bridge• Procurement documents prepared to appoint a consultant(s) to prepare a Town Health Check & a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area.• The pedestrian bridge crossing is complete.• Consultant appointed to prepare a Town Health Check & a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area.• Additional works to the river walk is now completed.• The Masterplan is at final stage and final draft will be issued by end of Q1, 2023
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progress the Town Health Check & a Regeneration Strategy of the town and surrounding area and hope to be completed in the coming months.
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Activity / Project Update: April 2023

Activity / Project Title	2020 T&V Renewal – Bruckless
Project Description/Activity	<p>Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: Landscaped garden park area with native trees, flowers, benches and pathways including the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railway feature area • Area with outdoor gym equipment • Wheelchair accessible Sensory Garden • Wild meadow area • Small public grass area suitable for casual sports and games
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 11,111 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of meetings have been held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project. • Letter of Offer has been issued out to Group, signed and returned. • The group had procured a design consultant to prepare contract documents to appoint a contractor to carry out the works on the proposed park. • Design work commenced and preparation of contract documents also commenced • Design of proposed park complete and approved by the community group. • Project is currently on E-tenders. 2 Contractors have submitted tenders and the tender report has been issued. • Contractor appointed. • Work has commenced on site and is progressing well and hope to be completed by the end of April 2023
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works to be completed by the end of April 2023.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	<p>Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie</p>



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Donegal County Council

Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update: April 2023

Activity / Project Title	2022 Clár – Termon Complex Pettigo
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: Resurfacing of the MUGA Pitch, including the following works, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excavate existing surfacing• Removing depleted existing sand substructure• Access and install drainage requirements• Install geotextile membrane• Lay subbase material• Install the synthetic turf surface• Install infill fibres• Apply line marking
Budget (if applicable)	€50,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 5,000 – Match Funding
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Meeting was held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• Tender Documentation are currently being prepared for e-tenders and this will be out to tender in the coming weeks.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works to be commenced in Q2, 2023.
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: April 2023

Activity / Project Title	2022 Clár – Leitir Corn Mill River Walk Kilcar
Project Description/Activity	Enhancements & Development Works Works consists of: Upgrade existing River Walk providing a wholly accessible path and associated infrastructure including the following, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhance the ground and edging on the existing path• Install lighting along the path.• Install seating• Signage and story boards.
Budget (if applicable)	€50,000 – Department of Rural & Community Development € 5,000 – Match Funding
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Meeting was held with the community group for the area to finalise the details of the project including the options available to deliver the various elements of the project.• Tender Documentation are currently being prepared for e-tenders and this will be out to tender in the coming weeks.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works to be commenced in Q2, 2023.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Brian Keogh Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 074-9172569 E-mail: bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update: March 2023

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2022
Project Description/Activity	Annual maintenance of Playgrounds <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Glencolmcille.2. Mall Park, Ballyshannon.3. Mall Park Outdoor Gym, Ballyshannon.4. Waterworld Playground, Bundoran.5. Westend Playground, Bundoran6. St. John Bosco, Donegal Town7. Kilcar Playground.8. Killybegs Playground.9. Bruckless Playground
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Works consists of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replacement of broken and damaged equipment.• Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards.• Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings, shackles, etc.• Carry out repairs along edges of safety surfaces. <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Successful tender appointed to carry out Annual Rospa Inspections.• Annual Rospa Inspection Reports have been completed with necessary repairs identified.• Quick quotes tender issued on e-tenders to procure Maintenance contractor for 2022 maintenance contract works.• Maintenance contractor appointed and repair works are currently underway across playgrounds.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undertake playground repair works
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	John Deeney Executive Engineer Community, Development & Planning Services Tel: 087 7197619 E-mail: jdeeney@donegalcoco.ie

	<p>Work on the tendering documents shall commence in the next quarter of 2022 to hopefully have ready to start on site early spring 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recent meet with a group in Bundoran has highlighted the potential for some additional walks in the area. <p>Rossylogan</p> <p>Coillte are continuing with small elements of works around the Entrance and parking area. We will advance with the development of tender package to reinstate the existing trail surfaces including way markers and Map boards.</p> <p>A stage 1 screening report has to be complete prior to commence of any tender documents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to advance with purchase of counter units • Begin work on the tendering documents
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) 0873613811 dconnor@donegalcoco.ie</p>



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Activity / Project Update: February 2023

Activity / Project Title	Sliabh Liag Development Project
Project Description/Activity	The project has included the development of a Visitors Centre, Ranger Station and toilets, 2.5km of mountain paths works together with road improvement works from Carrick Village which represents a total investment of approx €5m
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>The visitors centre opened to the public in May 2019 following the official opening. An operations manager was appointed in March 2019 together with 3 support staff since the summer of 2019.</p> <p>Remedial works have been completed on site. The shuttle service operated from July 4th to October 2nd 2022 transporting almost 17,000 visitors to the viewing area</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Further funding of €269k has recently been awarded in respect of further works to the mountain path. Tender documents are currently being prepared in respect of these works.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Paddy Doherty Community & Planning Services Station Island, Lifford



Activity / Project Update- February 2023

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Activity / Project Description	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
Budget	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i>
Transitional Programme	1 st April 2021 – 31 st December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs € 953,866 for Administration & Animation.
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 st December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme. 62 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional & EURI programmes and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €2,861,598.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 15 th February 2023. LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground however no new projects will be developed as all funding awarded to the Donegal LAG under the Transitional LEADER programme and EURI programme has been allocated. Donegal LCDC has submitted an expression of interest to DRCD to be the LAG for the new LEADER Programme 2023-2027.
Contact Person	Seamus Canning 074 9172597. seamusc@donegalcoco.ie



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COMMUNITY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Donegal County Council and Donegal LCDC invite applications in respect of the following funding Programmes: -

Community Support Fund 2022

This Fund will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas as follows:

- With their non-pay running costs such as utility or other non-pay operating costs from July 2022- June 2023.
- Groups will also be able to use the funding to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities, purchase equipment for e.g. such as tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc.

Details of this fund are available at <http://www.donegalcoco.ie/fundingforyourgroup> or can be requested by email from lcdc@donegalcoco.ie or by phoning 087 3332193

The closing date for receipt of completed applications under this fund is 3.30pm on Thursday, 9th March 2023.

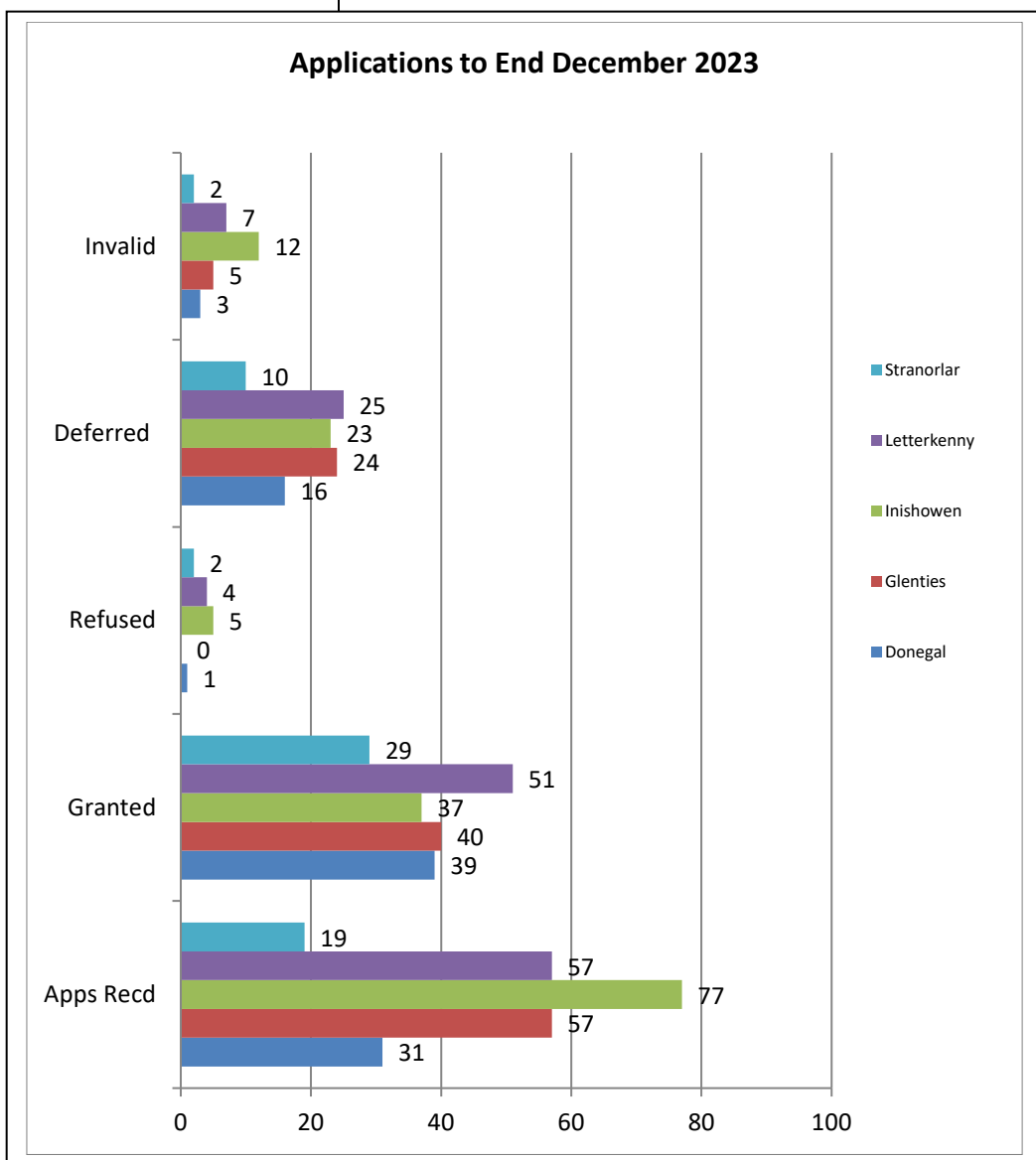


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Donegal MD Meeting
11TH April 2023

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4	Casual Trading	No Report								
5	Regeneration Report	See Appendix A								
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge Community Development & Planning Services	No Report								
7	Central Planning Unit	No Report								
8	Conservation Report	No Report								
9	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysuforrecloc.asp <p>File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf</p>								

Appendix A



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Regeneration & Development Team Community Development & Planning Services

Report to April (2023) Municipal District Meetings

1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 2 RRDF PROJECTS (2020)

1.1.1 Back to Ballyshannon – A transformational project to re-energise, re-imagine and sustain the social, cultural, historical, physical and economic fabric of Ballyshannon’s historic town centre.

Value: €247,500. (RRDF funding approved €185,625)

Update: Acquisition of the key regeneration site in Market Yard was completed by year end 2022. The Team now continues to work towards the publication of a planning scheme, so as to develop this project as a shovel ready capital project targeted for future Category 1 RRDF funding.

Further to the public consultation period on the draft plans held in October-November 2022, the Team is continuing to engage with key stakeholders in relation to the feedback received. This includes the local Business Chamber, ESB and Bus Eireann. Good progress is being made in this regard and further arrangements will also be made for a further workshop with Members to update on this evolving consultation and design process.

1.1.2 Ramelton Historic Town Centre – A Restorative & Transformational Public Realm Scheme.

Value: €249,159 (RRDF funding approved €186,869)

Update: A Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Tuesday 1st February 2022 and a Chief Executives Report on the proposed development was brought before the Elected Members at a Plenary Meeting of the Council on Wednesday 6th April, 2022 and it was decided to proceed with the development as proposed.

The Detailed Design phase is now completing and it is intended to open a construction tender in May 2023 ahead of a projected commencement on site

in early Q3 of 2023. The Team will continue to update and advise Members on progress and key milestones as this project moves towards commencement on site. The process of project handover to the Council's Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) has also commenced in anticipation of imminent progression to site. CPDU will manage the construction and handover stage of the project.

The Regeneration and Development Team completed the submission of a Category 1 capital funding application to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for the capital delivery of this project by the 12noon deadline on Friday 29th April 2022. The submitted project had a total project value of €7,949,868.

On 10th November 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €6.3m had been awarded under the Fourth Call for Category 1 Projects of the RRDF for the "Ramelton Re-Imagined" regeneration Project. This represents a full award of the RRDF funding sought. Work is now nearing completion on the Detailed Design and preparation of a Tender Package for this project, together with arrangements for handover to the Capital Project Delivery Unit for onward delivery.

1.2.2 THIRD CALL FOR CATEGORY 2 PROJECTS UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

On 6th January 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €1.17m had been awarded under the Third Call for Category 2 Projects of the RRDF for the "Repowering Buncrana" regeneration Project.

Due diligence has been completed on this project and a formal letter of Offer together with an associated Funding Agreement was received on 10th May 2022. The Funding Agreement was subsequently accepted and formally returned to the Department on 18th May 2022. The project will now progress to procurement of the required consultancy services before commencement of the planning and statutory consents stages of this project enabled by the funding award.

The Elected Members of the Inishowen Municipal District were updated on the status of this project at workshop on Friday 27th January 2023. It is now intended to progress this project to tender in Q1 of 2023 and in this regard the project was submitted to the DRCD for Decision Gate 2 Pre-Tender Approval on Monday 20th March, 2023.

1.3 FOURTH CALL FOR CATEGORY 1 PROJECTS (SHOVEL READY) UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

On 17th December 2021 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD announced the fourth call for Category 1 applications to the €1 Billion Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF).

The closing date for the receipt of proposals was 12 noon on Friday 29th April 2022.

As described at Point 1.2.2. above the Ramelton Re-Imagined regeneration project, with a value of €7,949,868 was submitted under this call.

On 10th November 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €6.3m had been awarded under the Fourth Call for Category 1 Projects of the RRDF for the “Ramelton Re-Imagined” regeneration Project. Work will now continue to complete the Detailed Design and preparation of a Tender Package for this project, together with arrangements for handover to the Capital Project Delivery Unit for implementation on site.

1.4 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work

A formal Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Thursday 24th November 2022. Submissions or observations were required to be made in writing on or before 4:30pm on Wednesday 18th January 2023. A Chief Executives Report on the proposed development was brought before the Elected Members for consideration at a Special Meeting of the Council on 13th February 2023 when Members decided to proceed with the development as proposed.

Work will now continue to position the project for application to future calls of the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF) for category 1 (capital) projects. The next stage in project development work concerns the preparation of a Business Case.

The project is a partnership with Rathmullan The Way Forward CLG.

1.5 Milford Town Centre First Plan

In late 2021 the Department of Rural and Community Development sought nominations for towns to be considered as part of the 1st Phase of the Town Centre Masterplan Initiative. Minister Heather Humphreys TD subsequently announced that Milford was successful in securing €100,000 under the call. The Regeneration & Development Team is now leading on the delivery of a Town Centre First Masterplan for the Town.

GM Design Associates Ltd were appointed as the successful consultancy service to deliver the Town Centre First Plan for Milford on Tuesday 14th February 2023 and the project commenced with the first stage of Public Consultation which took place over a period of 3 weeks beginning on Thursday 16th February and concluding on Thursday 9th March 2023. The first stage consultation process involved a number of targeted workshops, including a project workshop with Elected Members which took place on Tuesday 14th February 2023, as well as a cross-directorate workshop, a community

stakeholder group workshop and workshops with students attending the two local secondary schools. A very successful Public Consultation Event was also held on Wednesday 22nd February which was attended by c.120 no. participants.

The public engagement also centered on the launch of a dedicated project website, facebook page and twitter page, and provided for responses via an online resident's survey, a business survey, a feedback form for individual submissions as well as a kids' page. On the whole there has been a hugely positive response to the public engagement with 227 no. online surveys completed with a further 128 no. survey responses from the secondary school pupils, 355 no. in total. There were also 16 no. comment sheets submitted, 3 no. written submissions and 2 no. email submissions as well as 86 no. kids' responses.

The consultants, GM Design Associates Limited, are now undertaking a process of collating, recording and interpreting the findings and results of the public and stakeholder engagement together with the conclusions of the baseline analysis of the town centre including the SCOT analysis already undertaken, which will be presented in a Stage 1 Report entitled 'Milford TCF Plan Baseline Profile' to the Elected Members at a workshop targeted for mid-April, 2023. This Report will directly inform the Draft Milford Town Centre First Plan, the completion of which is targeted for mid-May 2023.

2.0 URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (URDF)

2.1 Existing approved URDF project in Letterkenny (application submitted 2018; final approval to proceed received September 2019)

This first application secured €1.9m in URDF monies, match funded by €600,000 for three sub-projects, the detail and progress of which is set out below.

Note: Please refer to Capital Project Delivery Unit MD reporting for update as regards the public realm sub-project.

(i) Preparation of a Regeneration Strategy for Letterkenny Town Centre.

The Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy was officially launched on Monday 5th December 2022 in the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny followed by a cross- directorate Letterkenny Public Information Event.

This concludes the project to prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy which now transitions into project specific development and implementation. The project website and all published documents are available at www.letterkenny2040.ie

(ii) Acquisition of key town centre regeneration site.

The Donegal County Council (Letterkenny Strategic Urban Regeneration Site) CPO 2021 was confirmed in October 2022 and became operative in November 2022. Notices to Treat were served on 7th March 2023 followed by Notices to Enter served on 23rd March 2023 advising that the Council intends to enter on, take possession of and use the lands on or after 11th April 2023. The CPO will enable the delivery of Phase 1 development of the site as regards Alpha/Beta office accommodation and public realm infrastructure which was approved Part 8 planning consent at the Special Council meeting on 24th February 2022, detailed design of which is being led by the Councils Capital Projects Delivery Unit. Please refer to the MD update report provided by the Capital projects Delivery Unit in this regard.

In addition, in collaboration with Housing, options are being explored as regards the business case for an Affordable Housing Scheme in respect of the residential component of the Concept Masterplan relating to the remainder of the strategic site (Phase 2). Further updates will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

2.2 Successful application to the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (May 2020)

The Councils successful application to URDF Call 2, entitled ‘Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1): To Re-energize and Connect the Historic Town Centre’ secured a provisional allocation for total project cost of €18.1m (comprising €13.6m URDF support together with match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.5m). Total project uplift was secured at Decision Gate 1 in relation to Preliminary Business Case to take account of inflation resulting in total project cost of €19.3m (comprising €14.5m URDF support and €4.8m match funding by Donegal County Council). Project costs will remain under review at each stage of project development and as the approval gateways under the Public Spending Code are navigated.

The project will advance five sub-projects to varying stages as follows:

- The further enhancement of the Cathedral Quarter
- The re-purposing of the Courthouse
- Strategic land assembly towards:
 - Renewal of Lower Main Street
 - Advancement of a Regional Transport Hub
 - Enhancement of ‘LK Green Connect,’ walking, cycling and parkland infrastructure.

In line with the Public Spending Code, a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy was submitted to DHLGH on 29th July 2022 for review and consideration. DHLGH approval to proceed was secured by letter dated 7th February 2023. A number of clarifications were sought on Monday 13th February 2023 and as a result, amended correspondence was received on 7th

March 2023. DHLGH advise that each sub- project will now progress on its own timeline including the preparation of individual Final Business Cases prior to appointment of construction contractor.

Accordingly, steps are being taken to proceed with each sub-project as set out in the following table.

Next steps set out in letter of approval to proceed.

Sub-project	Nature of DHLGH approval
Sub-project A: Market Square element	<p>Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for detailed design and site supervision</p> <p>This project will now hand-over to the Capital Projects Delivery Unit for progression of detailed design with feed-in from the Regeneration and Development Team.</p>
Sub-Project A: Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme	<p>Proceed acquisition processes for land required</p> <p>Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for all design stages (planning consent, detailed design & site supervision)</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage, inclusive of acquisitions, by the Regeneration and Development Team with feed-in from the Capital Projects Delivery Unit.</p>
Sub-project C: Revival of the Courthouse	<p>Proceed to procurement of consultancy services to prepare ‘Product identification/Visitor Experience Plan.’</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team. Once consultancy services are procured, a workshop with Letterkenny-Milford MD will be arranged.</p>
Sub-project D: Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub	<p>Proceed acquisition processes for land required.</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team.</p>
Sub-Project E; Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect	<p>Proceed acquisition processes for land required</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team.</p>

- 2.3 ‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project, Letterkenny**
‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project at the public space to the front of An Grianan Theatre secured Part 8 planning consent at the plenary Council meeting in November 2022. Detailed design of this project has now been enabled in the context of the further development of the concept contained in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy via the appointment of The Paul Hogarth Company and O’Connor Cronin Sutton Engineers. The Regeneration Team now provide support and input into the detailed design process which is led by Community Development with a target for delivery by end of Q2 2023.
- 2.4 Letterkenny Cultural Corridor**
Design development in respect of a future Part 8 proposed development for the ‘Cultural Corridor’ section of LK Green Connect is progressing and is at an advanced state of readiness for presentation to Letterkenny MD workshop originally planned for 29th March 2023 and rescheduled to 17th April 2023. Part 8 is being prepared with the support of Pasparakis Friel Architects appointed to provide Part 8 drawings while the Regeneration and Development Team manage and lead all other elements of the Part 8 process including review of design, specific development of High Road design elements, AA and EIA screening. This project will also provide for a long-term public realm scheme at the front of An Grianan Theatre taking account of ‘The Eat Out’ and for enhancements to the existing pathway and environment adjacent to the Boxing Club. The project also includes consultation with the Cultural Partners (An Grianan Theatre, the Regional Cultural Centre and Donegal County Museum) and other stakeholders including Letterkenny Tennis Club, the Boxing Club and a number of landowners.
- 2.5 2nd Phase of LK Green Connect**
Early design work using in-house resources commenced in January 2023 on Part 8 proposed development for Phase 2 of LK Green Connect to link walking and cycling infrastructure at Phase 1 (currently under construction) to Pearse Road. This would, in due course secure Phase 2 to shovel ready status. Given the early stage in the design process, the timeline for publication of the Part 8 is yet to be confirmed and is subject to capacity of staff resources across both URDF and RRDF programmes. The preferred scenario is to publish a part 8 by Q3 2023. Workshops at MD level will be arranged as this project develops.
- 2.6 Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street**
Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Service have commenced to further explore the potential for a youth/community focused project at Lower Main Street as envisaged within the Design Concepts contained in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy and relating to a number of Councils acquisition interests under URDF Call 2 successful application. In this regard, a partnership in principle has been agreed. Following progress on relevant land acquisition under the Councils URDF Call 2 project, it is targeted to commence design processes as regards a future

capital scheme at this location. Timeline for commencement of design work is likely to be Q3/4 of 2023 and is highly dependent on capacity of in-house resources. Updates will be provided to Members on ongoing basis.

2.7 Collaboration with Housing Section of Donegal County Council

Collaborative working arrangements have been established with the Housing Section of Donegal County Council to explore and develop social/affordable housing schemes on key regeneration sites within the town centre generally and, more specifically at Lower Main Street and at Phase 2 of the Strategic Urban Regeneration Site located between Pearse Road and Ramelton Road. Members will be updated as this work progresses.

2.8 URDF Call 3

Minister O'Brien launched URDF Call 3 on 30th January 2023 alongside the launch of the Governments Vacant Homes Action Plan. URDF Call 3 focusses on enabling Local Authorities to tackle long-term vacancy and dereliction in Letterkenny town centre and on the acceleration of residential development. The programme will provide a rolling fund to Local Authorities to enable acquisition and design and civil works that may be required to de-risk property to make it more attractive for onward sale. A workshop with Letterkenny-Milford MD took place on 27th February 2023 to explore the Councils submission which was thereafter submitted to DHLGH on 10th March 2023. Members of the team will attend a workshop for Local Authorities organized by DHLGH on 31st March 2023. A summary of the submission and update will be provided at the scheduled workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 17th April 2023.

2.9 Other

The Regeneration and Development Team continue to engage in other regeneration related work areas in Letterkenny and support other sections of Donegal County Council as required and across several other activities.

**Regeneration & Development Team
April 2023**



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CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Donegal Municipal District Members: April 2023

Activity / Project Title	Killybegs 2040
Project Description/Activity	<p>Killybegs 2040 is a transformative town centre regeneration project which forms part of the longer-term regeneration strategy.</p> <p>The project elements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The change of use, extension and modification of Island House (currently an existing derelict and vacant building) to provide a tourist information and reception centre, digital hub, public conveniences, café space, and all associated site development works. An extension is proposed at first and second floor levels and will include a glass viewing area.• Provision for a 1000 sq m civic space and alterations to road layout and car parking arrangements, including footpaths, open paved areas, planting, landscaping, public seating etc. The improved car parking and road layout will improve access to both Island House and the Civic Space to support overall regeneration plans.• Acquisition of key regeneration sites for the future delivery of appropriately located additional car parking and linkages between Main Street and Shore Road.
Budget	€5.4m
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>Works are progressing on Island House. Piling operations are complete with groundbeam works are underway.</p> <p>Works on public realm have commenced, with drainage works underway.</p> <p>Discussions in relation to land acquisition are progressing and the CPO for the 'Coal Yard' site has been returned by An Bord Pleanála with no submissions/objections received.</p>

Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>It is anticipated that the Island House structure works will have commenced.</p> <p>It is anticipated that works on public realm space will be progressing.</p>
Contact Person(s)	<p>Michael Quigley, A/Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, A/ Senior Executive Engineer</p>

Killybegs 2040 Project – Art element

We are seeking to setup a committee, to be made up of 2 councillors from the Donegal MD and representatives from Killybegs local interest groups, to facilitate decision making on the Art elements of this capital project.

Agenda Item: We are seeking nominations for 2 councillors to form part of this committee.



Donegal Municipal District - 11th April 2023 Motions

Agenda Item No.5

Office Ref:DLMD-2023-03001

Submitted By: Cllr. Niamh Kennedy

Assigned To: Roads

Motion "That this Municipal District write to the Chief Executive Commissioners of Irish Lights to please paint the external walls of the Rotten Island lighthouse. This was brought to their attention in 2015 and for their own reasons felt that it was no longer necessary. However from an asthetic point of view the entrance light into Killybegs harbour I ask that they please reconsider in the interests of tourism and promotion of the town from an historic structure a listed building a new tourism product and for the welcome of cruise ships and Blueways within Donegal Bay."

Signed Off By:

Response: Responsibility for this lighthouse rests with the Commissioners of Irish Lights and not the Local Authority. If the motion is passed it may be better if the letter mentioned above was sent from the Council's Tourism Team in line with wording of the motion.

Agenda Item No.6

Office Ref:DLMD-2023-03002

Submitted By: Cllr. Barry Sweeny

Assigned To: Housing

Motion "That this Municipal District welcomes the government decision to extend the Croí Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant to those who wish to renovate a vacant or derelict property for rental purposes, and that we call on the government to increase the vacant property refurbishment grant rates from €30,000/ €50,000 to €50,000/ €70,000 respectively to reflect the costs involved in renovating a vacant or derelict property. "

Signed Off By: PAURIC SHEERIN

Response: In the event that the motion is adopted, this Municipal District will write to the Minister to outline the request for an increase in funding, as set out in the motion.



Donegal Municipal District - 11th April 2023 Questions

Agenda Item No.7

Office Ref:DLMD-2023-03003

Submitted By: Cllr. Barry Sweeney**Assigned To:** Emergency Services**Question** "Can I get a copy of the proposals and documentation that was submitted to request Department funding for Donegal's replacement fire stations between the years 1999 and 2009, and details of the cost of said proposals?"**Signed Off By:****Response:** Plans, specifications, bills of quantities and estimated costs for new fire stations were prepared by consultants under the auspices of the Capital Projects Section of the Council who were also responsible for the acquisition of the sites. Between 1999 and 2009 12 fire stations were constructed in the County, ranging across 14 to 25 years ago, with the related files being of the same vintage. The Capital Projects Section was subsumed into other sections of the Council in or around 2012 and any related hard copy files would, if they now exist, be in storage. The Fire Service has no soft copies of these files. The body of necessary work to search any such files and copy the requested documents would be very onerous and, in that regard, a more targeted approach would be beneficial giving, if successful, a more expeditious outcome which will also be dependent on Service workload.

Agenda Item No.8

Office Ref:DLMD-2023-03004

Submitted By: Cllr. Barry Sweeney**Assigned To:** Emergency Services**Question** "Can I get an email copy of Planning documents and reports submitted relating to the replacement fire stations in this MD?"**Signed Off By:** GARRY MARTIN**Response:** The body of work in connection with planning for new fire stations was carried out by the Capital Projects Section of the Council and by external consultants. Donegal Town and Killybegs Fire Stations were constructed some 20 years ago, and the relevant planning applications would have preceded construction. The Capital Projects Section was subsumed into other sections of the Council in or around 2012 and any related hard copy files would, if they now exist, be in storage. The Fire Service has no soft copies of these files. The Fire Service will carry out a search of its archived files to ascertain what documents, if any, exist. This will take a period of time and will be dependent on Service workload but will be done as expeditiously as possible.